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PARIS, TO-DAY.

HAVAS UNDERSTANDS THAT A DECISION TO ATTACK HUNGARY AND YUGOSLAVIA EARLY THIS WEEK WAS ACTUALLY REACHED BY HITLER; ITALY WAS EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTION AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA TO "PROTECT ITALIAN INTERESTS," THEREBY EXTENDING THE WAR TO THE BALKANS AND THE MEDITERRANEAN.

The plan was prepared in Berlin and Hitler believed that Italian participation was assured.

According to unimpeachable sources, Italian agreement was withdrawn at the last minute, either because Germany had not fulfilled some conditions or because the Italian Government suddenly changed its mind.

German troop concentrations near the Hungarian and Yugoslav borders continued throughout last week, but were not followed by corresponding movements of Italian troops.

The change in the Italian attitude coincided with the arrest of M. Milan Stoyadinovich, former Yugoslavian Premier who was known for his pro-Nazi sympathies.

The opinion is prevailing in Paris that despite Rome's failure to comply with German desires, the Italian attitude remains open and no undue optimism would be justified.—Havas.

NAZIS OPEN TO ATTACK FROM REAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Grong (near Namsos),

To-day.

Havas' special correspondent at Grong reports that German planes again bombed the Namsos/Grong highway and the Stavanger/Trondheim highway yesterday.

Apparently the small town of Grong was the main objective.

The Norwegian and Allied troops are trying to form a semi-circle around Trondheim by establishing liaison between the Norwegian South Army and North Army, which has already attacked the Germans in the Trondheim sector.

Owing to the speed of their transport, the Allies will soon be able to attack German troops from the rear at Trondheim.—Havas.

TO-DAY'S FUNNY STORY

Berlin, To-day.

No less than 90 British naval vessels have been sunk, damaged, or captured during the past 12 days, claims the German High Command!

The same source claims that on Sunday night German troops captured Lillehammer, on the railway from the coast to the Allied troops on the Hamar-Elverum front.—Reuter.

TRYING TO BAG TROOPS FOR NORWAY?

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE AIR MINISTRY ANNOUNCES THAT A NUMBER OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT APPEARED OFF THE EAST AND SOUTH-EAST COASTS YESTERDAY, APPARENTLY ATTEMPTING TO LAY MINES IN THE APPROACHES TO THE THAMES AND HUMBER ESTUARIES.

Anti-aircraft batteries and naval units opened fire at several points and fighters were sent up.—Reuter.

HEAVY BOMBARDMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

A heavy bombardment was heard last evening off the south-east coast of Britain. Several planes were seen flying over the sea.—Havas.

ALLIED ADVANCE ON TRONDHEIM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The Allied advance towards Trondheim is going ahead rapidly. Allied troops are now on the road from Namsos to Levanger.

While the Germans maintain that they are still holding Hamar, the Norwegian categorically declares that it has fallen to Norwegian and British troops.

Two hundred Nazi parachutists who came down were given a trouncing by Norwegian cadets who captured 150 of them.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST: Sun, with moderate, cloudy generally with mist or fog occasionally.

QUISLINGS NOT WANTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

"No Quisling here" is Holland's motto following the proclamation of a state of siege.

Police patrols have been reinforced in every large town and it seems that the High Command have taken over control of the Police forces.

Searches are carried out everywhere and many suspicious foreigners, including a number of German subjects, have been arrested.—Havas.

TRAWLER'S STRANGE CATCH OFF ENGLISH COAST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

A Belgian trawler fishing near the British lights has brought to the surface 10 iron casks bearing the name "Burgsdijk".

A piece of steel from a torpedo was found embedded in one cask. The Burgsdijk was a Dutch ship torpedoed by a U-boat after she had been stopped for examination.—Havas.

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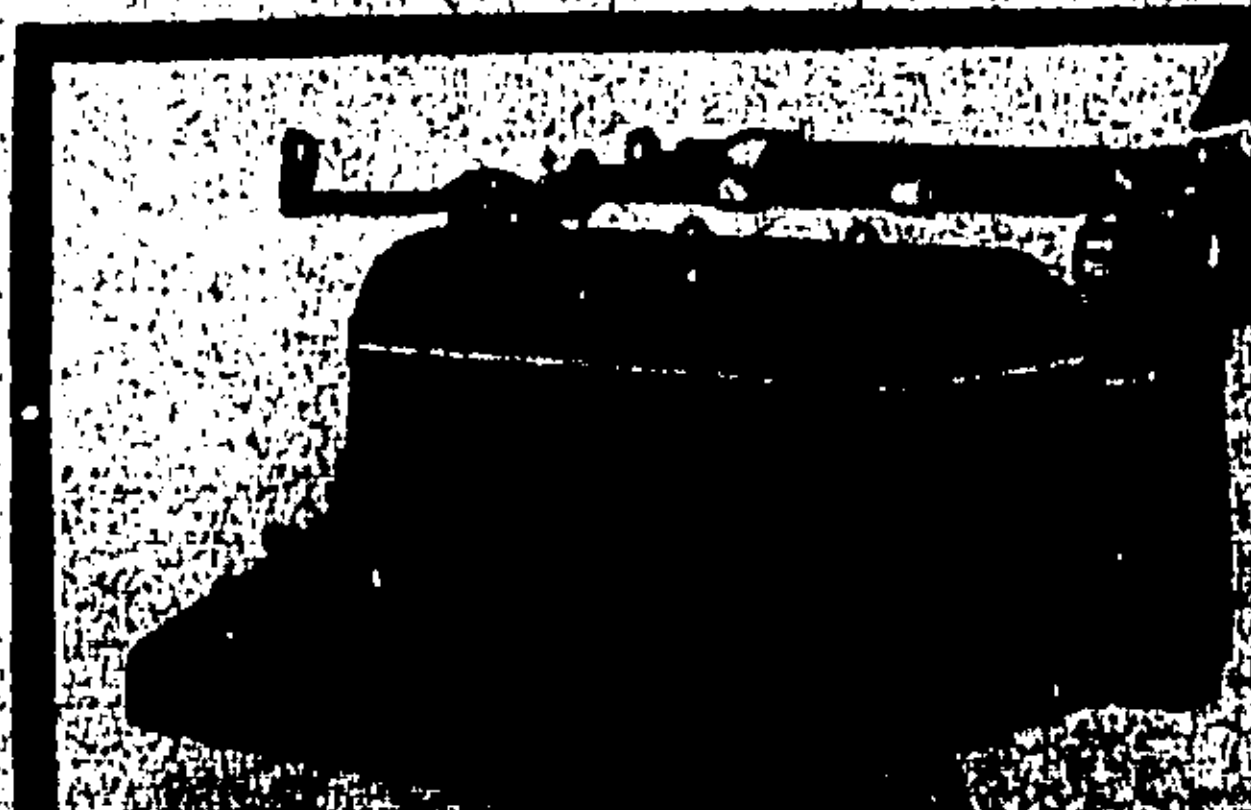
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(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Shanghai, To-day.

PEOPLE IN THE PHILIPPINE Islands are concerned over the threat to the status quo of the Netherlands East Indies because the United States would be concerned with any seizure by force, Mr. Francis B. Sayre, U.S. High Commissioner for the Philippines, told me yesterday shortly after arriving here on board the U.S.S. Augusta.

Seizure of the Dutch islands by force, Mr. Sayre added, would tend to wreck civilisation and destroy the liberties of mankind.

It was in the vital interests of the United States to uphold government by moral restraint, which was Christian government. Any threat to this form of government was a thrust at the very heart of civilisation.

Mr. Sayre stressed that his visit to Tokyo, for which he is sailing on Saturday in the President Pierce, is not connected with the Netherlands East Indies question, as the trip was planned before the recent American statement regarding the status quo of the N.E.I.

He added he was going to Japan for conferences with the U.S. Ambassador there regarding Far Eastern questions, being desirous of being fully informed regarding all matters in the Orient.

NO PROPHET

The European war, Mr. Sayre stated, had not caused a noticeable difference in the attitude of Filipinos towards independence.

Asked whether he foresaw extension of the European war to the Far East, Mr. Sayre said he was no prophet.

After his visit to Japan Mr. Sayre will return to Manila in the President Taft—Our Own Correspondent.

CORDELL HULL STATEMENT

Washington, To-day.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, said yesterday the Government would not undertake "to dictate to the Philippine Legislature or bring pressure to bear on them in connexion with Japan's objection to the proposal to limit Japanese immigration in the Philippines."

The Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Horiouchi, had asked Mr. Hull on Saturday to intercede with the Philippines, where legislation which would cut Japanese immigration to 500 persons a year was now pending.—Reuter.

SPLENDIDLY EQUIPPED

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY STATED THAT THE EQUIPMENT OF THE BRITISH TROOPS IN NORWAY HAD BEEN SPECIALLY DESIGNED AFTER CONSULTATION WITH SUCH EXPERTS AS F. S. SMYTHE, THE FAMOUS CLIMBER, AND MR. EDWARD SHACKLETON, SON OF THE POLAR EXPLORER, AS WELL AS CANADIAN EXPERTS, IN ORDER TO MEET THE CONDITIONS OF ICE AND SNOW LIKELY TO BE ENCOUNTERED DURING THE OPERATIONS.

Mr. Burgin said the equipment included special socks, footless stockings, special sledges, skiing boots, specially lined overcoats and snow shoes, Arctic tents, wood burning stoves, fur caps and sleeping bags.

All this equipment was obtained from British and Canadian manufacturers.

"I do not think any force has been so splendidly equipped in so short a time," said Mr. Burgin.—British Wireless.

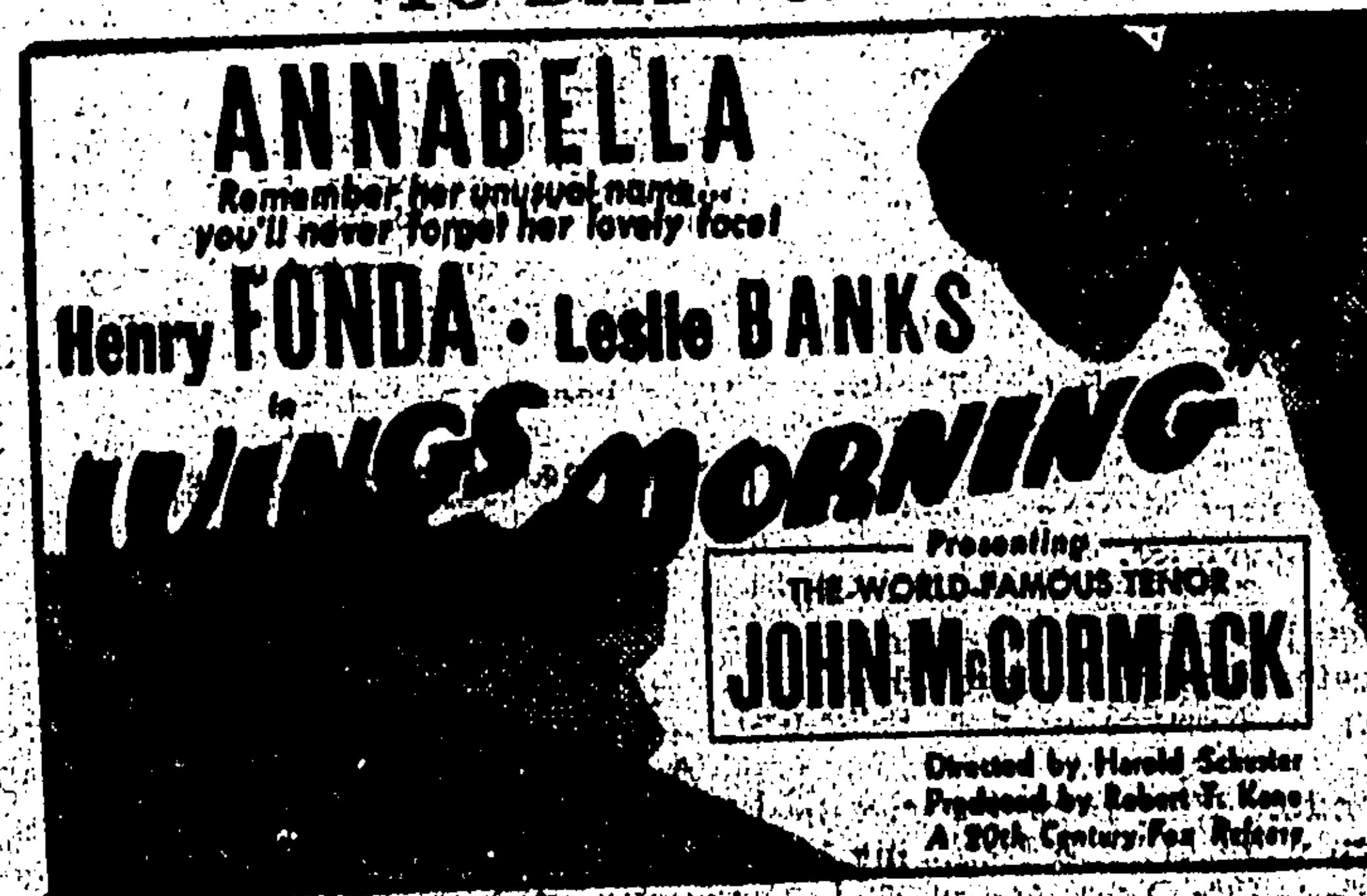
VETERAN LABOUR LEADER PASSES

London, To-day.

Mr. G. N. Barnes, well known Labour leader, died yesterday. He was a member of the Lloyd George Cabinet during the last war and took a prominent part in the establishment of the International Labour Organisation of the League of Nations with its International Labour Office at Geneva. He was an untiring advocate of international agreement on the 48-hour working week.—British Wireless.

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U.S. ATTACHE KILLED IN NAZI RAID

London, To-day.

The United States Military Attache at Stockholm was killed during the German attack on the railway station of Dombas where the line turns right to Trondheim.

He was struck in the heart by a bomb splinter while standing outside a mountain tunnel. Nine others in the tunnel were injured, but little serious damage to the town itself is reported.—Reuter.

LUCKIEST SHIP

(IS STILL)

AFLOAT

London, To-day.

The Grimsby trawler Russell is one of the luckiest ships afloat. That is why she is still afloat.

A few weeks ago, she was attacked by a German aircraft which sprinkled her with steel darts and incendiary bombs.

WENT ON FISHING

Nobody was hurt and the Russell continued to fish.

The other day, she hauled up a German mine in her nets, towed it for three hours trying to get rid of it, exploded it—and survived.

Skipper Wright told this story as follows:—

"We were hauling in our gear when one of the crew saw a mine bob up close to the ship. He shouted a warning, and the mate, Frank Crompton, who was at the winch, let the trawl go back to the bottom.

"We could have cut away the nets, but we decided to try to get rid of the mine by manoeuvring the ship.

READY FOR SWIM

"We towed the trawl for three hours and then decided to haul again, but in case of anything happening we prepared the boat for launching and put on our life-jackets.

"Almost immediately a violent explosion occurred less than 100 feet from the ship.

"The ship was lifted practically out of the water. The wheelhouse windows and most of the electric light bulbs were smashed and the dynamo stopped working. The only light we had was from my electric torch.

"The two compasses were torn from their fastenings and fell, narrowly missing the mate and myself.

"No one was hurt. The ship was not leaking. But when the trawl was hauled in it was found to have been almost blown to pieces."—Our Own Correspondent.

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ALLY ACTION IN SOUTH- EAST EUROPE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE ALLIED DECISION TO REINFORCE THE BLOCKADE IN SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE, WILL AIM AT DEFINITELY ARRESTING THE FLOW OF GOODS TO GERMANY, SAY PARIS POLITICAL CIRCLES, WHICH POINT OUT THAT THE ALLIED ACTION EXCLUSIVELY AIMS AT STRENGTHENING THE BLOCKADE; HENCE, THE BALKAN STATES NEED NOT FEAR ANY FRANCO-BRITISH MILITARY ACTION.

Meanwhile, the Reich attempted to counteract the plans of the Allies when Dr. Clodius was sent to Bucharest and Herr Walther Darre to Budapest to try and develop German-Russian trade through alluring promises of German machinery in exchange mainly for Hungarian and Rumanian wheat.

The Reich's hopes, however, are already dwindling because the harvest in Danubian Europe is expected to be very poor; there are also the massive purchases of the Allies. —Havas.

AMERICANS HOLD CHINA ESSAY CONTEST

New York, To-day.

Anonymous sponsors who believe that Americans are giving too little attention to the Far East are offering \$5,000 in prizes to students in American colleges and universities for the best essay on "Our Stake in the Future of China." The announcement of the contest, made in the name of "China Essay Contest" of 33 West 51 St., N.Y.C., advised contestants to point out why it is in the interests of this country to have a strong, free, and independent China. The announcement said that the sponsors, who wish to remain unnamed, have no political or economic stake in the Far East. —Havas.

BRITISH FORCES REACH LILLEHAMMER

Stockholm, To-day.

British forces north of the Hamar/Elverum line have now reached Lillehammer, according to despatches from the border. The advance guard of Allied troops on the Hamar/Elverum is now reported to have been reinforced and concentrated.

A fierce battle is reported at a point some 45 miles north-east of Trondheim.—Reuter.

LORD HALIFAX LUNCHES WITH GOODWILL ENVOY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Lord Halifax, Foreign Secretary, and Mr. Tatsuo Kawai, Japanese "Goodwill Envoy," lunched together yesterday at the Japanese Embassy.—Havas.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the eastern depression has filled up and a moderate anticyclone now covers Japan and the neighbouring seas, pressure being highest in the vicinity of Hokkaido. The western depression remains over Manchuria.

U.S. STAFF SURVIVES AIR BOMBING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The United States Delegation at Oslo has now reached Sweden after being in an air bombardment on route.—Havas.

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Crews of R.A.F. aircraft which bombed a heavy German cruiser and other Nazi warships off Bergen on April 11, watching the huge bombs being loaded before getting out on the raid. (By Air Mail, Copyright).

"Total War" May Start In Norway In Next 48 Hours

SWEDEN REMAINING NEUTRAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.
The Swedish Foreign Ministry states that allegations in the foreign press that war material had been transported through Sweden are incorrect.

The Government is scrupulously maintaining its position of neutrality and it therefore follows that the passage of troops and war material of any kind to belligerent countries is not allowed.—Havas.

YEARS OF STOMACH AGONY ENDED

Are you a victim of what you believe to be inevitable stomach trouble? Mr. S. T. W. has a strong sympathy for those who, like him, have struggled with the misery of long-drawn-out stomach suffering. So delighted is he now, at having found complete relief, that he writes the following letter, "hoping that it may cause some poor sufferers to know that, however long they suffered, and whatever age they are, there is still hope for them in Maclean Brand Stomach Powder."

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PARIS, TO-DAY.
THE NEXT 48 HOURS MAY SEE THE START OF GERMAN "TOTAL WARFARE" BY SEA AND AIR IN NORWAY, AS A RESULT OF BRITISH AIR RAIDS ON STAVANGER, CHRISTIAN-SAND AND AALBORG, SAYS A SPOKESMAN OF THE FRENCH WAR MINISTRY.

British raids on these aerodromes, he said, were cutting Nazi aerial communications in Scandinavia and forcing the German hand. He intimated the raids were keeping key aerodromes out of commission.

Allied troops, he said, have the Germans at Narvik in a very bad way, while their own landings are continuing at various points "under satisfactory conditions" despite some German interference.—Reuter.

Real Struggle Yet To Begin

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.
It is reliably learned that about 100 German planes have already been destroyed or put out of commission on Norwegian and Danish aerodromes.

The comparative losses of the British were very light.

It is pointed out that the real struggle for the mastery of the air in Scandinavia has not yet begun. It will probably flare out if the R.A.F. establish themselves in bases in Norway. At present, the R.A.F. pilots are working at a great disadvantage.—Havas.

TRAINED PILOTS DOUBLED

London, To-day.
It is learnt in well-informed air circles that since the war began the output of trained pilots in the R.A.F. has doubled compared with the numbers trained immediately prior to the war. It is confidently believed the number will soon be trebled.

It is pointed out that when, later in the year, the Empire air training scheme starts to produce trained pilots the output rate will vastly increase.—British Wireless.

MANOEUVRES BEGIN IN EGYPT

Cairo, To-day.

The first large-scale exercises by the New Zealand Expeditionary Force since their arrival in Egypt began yesterday morning in the desert south of Cairo.

They are designed to test the powers of co-ordination of infantry, cavalry and artillery in the roughest country; the exercises will last four days.—Reuter.

TAUSSIG STATEMENT

AMERICAN STAND IN THE PACIFIC

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

Despite the fact that Admiral Taussig's statement on war with Japan consisted of an expression of personal opinion, political circles here attach considerable importance to it.

Admiral Taussig's affirmation of the need for U. S. naval co-operation with Britain, France and the Netherlands was due to several very important facts:

Firstly, the recent announcement that Japan was building eight 45,000-ton battleships, of which two were almost completed;

Secondly, the extension of trade agreements between Japan and the South American republics aiming to counteract the influence of the United States there;

Thirdly, the Japanese claim to develop Japanese immigration in the Philippines; and

Fourthly, the uncertainty as regards the fate of the Netherlands East Indies in the event of an invasion of Holland.

PURELY PERSONAL

A communique issued by the Naval Department stresses that the views expressed by Admiral Taussig as regards American naval policy in the Far East were purely personal.

The communique added that preparatory measures are not directed against anybody but merely inspired by the need to maintain American naval strength in proportion to the strength of other Powers.—Havas.

STRONG SWEDE PROTEST LODGED WITH BERLIN

Stockholm, To-day.

SWEDEN HAS PROTESTED to Germany, in even stronger terms than usual, over the repeated violations of her territory by Nazi aeroplanes.

Sweden again demands that the German Air Force stop flying over her territory.
German abuse of Sweden's neutrality.

AIR BATTLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BRUSSELS, TO-DAY.

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THE BELGIAN GENERAL STAFF:—

"A German plane pursued by three French machines flew over our territory and engaged in battle over Neuchateau."

"The German plane was shot down and fell near a church. The machine was destroyed."

"One aviator was killed, another severely wounded and a third slightly injured."

"The Belgian Government will protest to the German and French Governments."—Havas.

NATURAL PROTEST

Stockholm, To-day.

Numerous violations of our territory by flights over Swedish territory naturally led the Swedish Government to protest to the German Government, declared the spokesman of the Swedish Foreign Ministry.

He added they had requested that steps be taken to prevent a repetition of the flights which were particularly numerous and serious on Sunday.

"They have been the subject of most energetic representations from the Swedish side."—Reuter.

ALLIED FORCES GAINING UPPER HAND IN NORWAY

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.
ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPERS, BRITISH TROOP TRAINS HAVE REACHED STOEREN, STRATEGIC RAILWAY JUNCTION 30 MILES SOUTH OF TRONDHEIM. IT IS ALSO REPORTED THAT FIGHTING IS OCCURRING NORTH-EAST OF TRONDHEIM, AT VAERDALSRORA.

The Germans have repeatedly bombed roads and railways linking Namsos and Trondheim but reports indicate the railway has suffered little damage, though the telephone lines have been broken.

The papers report that Steinkjaer, where some Norwegian forces are concentrating, is burning as the result of a heavy aerial bombardment.

British air attacks on two aerodromes in the Trondheim area are making it more difficult for the Germans to organise air attacks.

While the Germans claim to be at Lillehammer, between Hamar and Dombaas, a British advance guard of 750 men has arrived there and was followed by more from Andalsnes.

According to other reports the railway from Andalsnes to Dombaas, and thence through Gubbrandsdal, which is one of the most important strategic valleys, is entirely in Allied hands.

All railway tracks and roads are strongly guarded and German attempts to cut the lines by parachute troops have failed.—Reuter.

Advance On Trondheim (SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL").

Steinkjer, To-day.

The Allied troops are rapidly advancing towards Trondheim. The report adds that German bombers razed Namsos to the ground, also Grong, and heavily bombed Steinkjer.

Allied troops, which landed south of Trondheim, are advancing to Levanger thus encircling the Germans in Trondheim.

After half-a-day's car journey in the interior of Norway, the Havas correspondent gained the impression that important operations could only take place on the coast and near the fjords with victory depending solely on the number of effectives involved.

The Upper Hand

The report concludes that Germany unable to send reinforcements by sea and Norway's airports destroyed the Allies clearly have the upper hand.

While German planes are desperately bombing the region south of Trondheim in an attempt to hold up the Allied advance, two hundred German soldiers landed by parachute in the region with instructions to sabotage the Aambos Railway. A hundred-and-fifty Germans have already been captured.—Havas.

German Communique

Berlin, To-day.

The official news agency, commenting on a High Command communique, mentions violent Norwegian resistance to the north of Oslo, but says that resistance was fruitless and was "broken with bloody losses for the enemy."

It claims that fortified positions on the heights of Lindhaegde were stormed after bitter fighting, and adds that mopping up of Norwegian patrols around Stavanger continues.

Describing the air raid on Namsos, it says that the bombardment of British positions lasted six hours. German aircraft attacked continuously in successive waves. "The number killed could not be ascertained." The railway station was completely destroyed.—Reuter.

Position Hopeless

Stockholm, To-day.

Reports received here last evening indicate that the Germans have been recalling their troops along the railway linking Narvik with the Swedish mines.

The force posted at Bjoernfjell, near the Swedish frontier, is reported to be cut off. Its position is regarded as hopeless and the force is expected eventually to cross the Swedish border.—Reuter.

INVASION PLANNED LONG AGO

London, To-day.

The Norwegian High Command announce they have captured from the Germans copies of war maps of Norway based on Norwegian rectangle maps and neutral maps which were specially printed in Germany in February this year. It is obvious that the plans of the German General Staff for the invasion of neutral Norway go back to an early date in the war.—British Wireless.

ELVERUM REPORTED RETAKEN

London, To-day.

Allied forces in eastern Norway are believed to be fighting at Hamar and Elverum against German detachments from Oslo. Reports persist that British, French and Norwegian troops have re-captured both Hamar and Elverum, but these reports should be treated with full reserve.

Other reports, which seem to be reliable, state that the Allied troops reached Hamar by railway from Andalsnes. Partial confirmation of this may be in the fact that Andalsnes was bombed, as was at least one station on the railway line.

Four large Nazi bombers were reported shot down during the latter attack, and here, too, the Norwegians rounded up 50 German parachutists.

The Nazis had captured a farm, but the Norwegians, using hand grenades and machine-guns, forced them to surrender with the loss of 25 lives.

Apart from automatic guns, the Nazis had with them folding bicycles, radio sets and even gas-welding apparatus.—Reuter.

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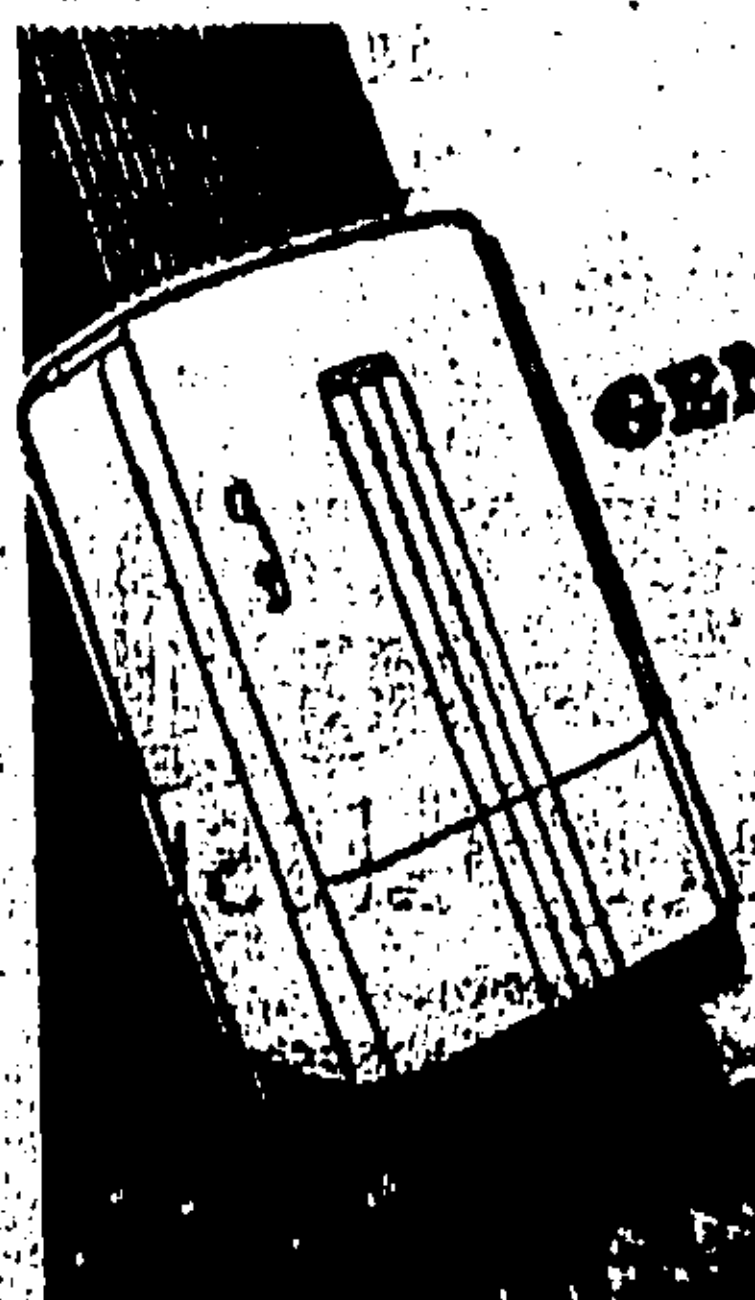
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R.A.F. SUCCESSES

Extensive Damage At Stavanger And Aalborg

GERMAN PLANES DESTROYED ON THE GROUND

LONDON, TO-DAY.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE R.A.F. RAIDS ON STAVANGER AND AALBORG SHOW THAT THE DAMAGE DONE WAS MORE EXTENSIVE THAN WAS AT FIRST OFFICIALLY REPORTED. BOTH RAIDS WERE RETURN VISITS, FOR BOTH STAVANGER AND AALBORG, AS WELL AS CHRISTIANSAND, WERE BOMBED ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

Sunday night's attack on Stavanger was carried out by strong forces of long-range bombers in the light of the full moon. They found 50 German planes spread around the edge of the aerodrome.

One British plane swooped down on a group of 15 standing close together and dropped a salvo of 10 bombs. At least six were destroyed and others were badly damaged.

Another British bomber sowed a line of high-explosive bombs right across the aerodrome and then started several fires with incendiary bombs.

A third plane turned back after flying over the aerodrome to machine-gun a number of German planes, at least two of which went up in flames.

Machine-gun attacks were carried out on German batteries and searchlights.

The British planes met with concentrated pom-pom and machine-gun fire, but all returned safely.

FIRES STARTED

When the first British raider arrived at Aalborg, it found night flying operations in progress. The aerodrome's boundary lights were on; a flare path was in place; and four Nazi planes were about to land. They made off in a hurry when the bomber started its attack.

Many bombs were dropped all over the flying field and six fires were started.

ACCURATE BOMBING

One pilot came down to only 100 feet and found that the searchlights could not be depressed so low! He was able to place an accurate salvo of bombs on a road leading to the aerodrome control tower.

Several fires caused by Saturday's attack were still burning.

One R.A.F. plane is missing from this raid.

This time, the aerodrome defences were not caught napping. Searchlights went into action and intense gun-fire was opened on the British planes.

Fires Left Blazing

London, To-day.

It is understood that in the course of Sunday night's air raid on Aalborg numerous hits were made on the landing ground with high explosives, and six fires started by incendiary bombs were left blazing in different parts of the aerodrome.

One pilot, approaching from a height of only 100 feet, found most of the searchlights could not be depressed to such a low level and he was able to place an accurate salvo of bombs on the road near the control tower.

GROUNDING PLANES DESTROYED

A powerful force of long-range bombers raided Stavanger aerodrome. One of the raiders dropped 10 bombs from a low altitude on a group of about 15 enemy aircraft, of which at least six were destroyed and the others believed badly damaged.

One machine, in a low level attack, sowed a line of high explosive bombs across the aerodrome and also started several fires with incendiary bombs.

Another plane machinegunned a line of enemy aircraft, two of which burst into flames.—Reuter.

SWEDISH VESSELS ATTACKED

Stockholm, To-day.

Two Swedish fishing boats were machine-gunned by German planes in territorial waters yesterday off the west coast of Sweden. The planes flew low to attack.

According to the owners, the nationality of both vessels was clearly marked and could not escape observation from the height at which the attacking planes flew.—Reuter.

Mrs. Whitmore, residing at No. 142, Waterloo Road, reports that at 4 p.m. on Sunday, while driving along Taipei Road, she collided with a stationary car parked on the wrong side of the road. Slight damage was done to both vehicles.

ITALIAN WARSHIP FOR SWEDEN

Cartagena, To-day.

Four destroyers which Sweden bought from Italy in December, have arrived here en route to Sweden.

The squadron, which includes the transport ship *Patrola*, will proceed to Sweden after two destroyers which collided have been repaired.—Reuter.

COMPARISON OF LOSSES AT SEA

London, To-day.

German naval casualties since the outbreak of the war total 24 without including the large number of submarines sunk by Allied action.

In the same period, Britain lost 18 warships, including five submarines and the armed merchant cruiser "*Rawalpindi*."

One capital ship has been lost out of 15 such ships completed before the beginning of the war. One aircraft carrier out of seven has been lost. No cruisers have been lost.

It is added that even if Germany had suffered no naval losses, the vast preponderance of naval forces possessed by Great Britain over Germany, would scarcely have been affected by these losses.

But Germany has thus suffered while the strength of the British Navy, it is pointed out, is being constantly increased as a result of huge warship building programmes.—Reuter.

Mrs. Baldwin, residing at No. 15, Observatory Road, reports that between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. yesterday an overcoat was stolen from her room.

GERMANS COMPLETELY OUTWITTED

London, To-day.

Military experts in London express keen satisfaction at the speed with which the extremely successful operation of effecting the junction of British and Norwegian forces in the east of Norway was conducted.

The Germans appear to have been definitely puzzled regarding the whereabouts of the British troops. Broadcasts suggest that in Germany they had been completely puzzled as to the whereabouts of the British during these early stages of the Norwegian campaign.

The fact that one recent German broadcast roundly declared there were no British troops in or near Narvik which, according to a later broadcast, was of no strategic importance whatever, suggests that in Germany the authorities were without information as to what was going on.

The mountainous nature of the country over which the Norwegian campaign will be waged will involve the employment of small mobile forces. There will, it is anticipated, be no room for big attacks. Consequently junior officers, N.C.O.'s and private soldiers will have full scope to show individual initiative.

Artillery employed will probably be confined to light mountain guns.

MORALE HIGH

It is now clear that the next few weeks will test the possibility of the Germans maintaining a force upon land by air alone in the northern part of the country.

British forces who had made contact found the morale of officers and men of the Norwegian army very high. Hitherto equipment was lacking but more arms are now being supplied.—British Wireless.

GERMANS LOSE 100 PLANES IN ONLY FIVE DAYS

London, To-day.

AUTHORITATIVE QUARTERS in London calculate that in one period of five days since the Scandinavian war began the Germans lost 100 planes.

It is understood that British bombers met no opposition from German fighter planes during the last raid on Aalborg and no organised fighter resistance throughout the war in any night raid.

This is thought in authoritative circles to indicate that the Nazi fighter squadrons cannot trust Messerschmitts for landing at night.

Another theory is that the German fighter pilots are not trained for night flying.—Reuter.

PUPPET RECOGNISES PUPPET

Shanghai, To-day.

It is reported here that Wang Ching-wei's "National Government" has officially recognised Manchukuo and that an envoy will shortly be sent to Hanking. Our Own Correspondent.

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AMERICANS ADVISED, LEAVE HUNGARY

Paris, To-day.

The United States Legation in Budapest yesterday advised all American citizens residing in Hungary that it would be wise to return to the United States while facilities were still available, according to a Budapest telegram.

A circular letter says the Legation is not in possession of any information which could lead to the belief that the war is likely to be extended to south-east Europe. — Reuter.

German Moves In Norway Revealed In White Paper

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A TRANSLATION OF THE WHITE BOOK ISSUED BY THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT ON APRIL 14 BECAME AVAILABLE IN LONDON LAST NIGHT. THE WHITE BOOK TELLS IN IMPRESSIVELY SIMPLE LANGUAGE THE STORY OF THE GERMAN AGGRESSION AGAINST NORWAY.

The account of the events which compelled King Haakon and his Government to leave Oslo and finally to set about organising from an undisclosed centre the resistance of the Norwegians to the German attack demonstrates clearly how the Norwegian Government went to the utmost limit of conciliation.

The White Paper opens with the statement that on April 9 at 5 a.m. the German Minister in Oslo, Dr. Brauer, came to the Norwegian Minister for Foreign Affairs and presented to Prof. Koht a number of demands from his Government, and continues: "Several hours before these demands were presented the German forces had already attacked Norway.

About midnight it was learnt that foreign warships had passed Faerder and entered Oslo Fjord and three-quarters of an hour later a report was received that an exchange of fire took place between these warships and the Norwegian forts of Bolearne and Rauer.

"About 2 a.m. it was learned that five large German warships had passed the outer fortifications at Bergen. At 3.30 a.m. it was reported that two warships had passed Agdenes and had entered Trondheim Fjord.

"At the same time the warships that had entered Oslo Fjord — four large warships and a number of smaller ones — reached Filtvedt and soon afterwards fighting began between these warships and the coastal forts at Oskarsborg. Fighting was thus already in full swing and began also immediately after this outside Bergen."

NAZI PRETENCE

The White Book then gives a very full summary of the communication made by Dr. Brauer to the Norwegian Minister for Foreign Affairs in which the German Government sought to justify its claims upon Norway by the pretence that it possessed proof of intended Allied occupation, announced the seizure of strategic points, and formulated a series of demands.

It is interesting to note that the German Minister in Norway was cognisant of the fact that the German expedition had left home ports before April 8 and made no attempt to represent the German action as a reprisal for the British minelaying.

Characteristic detail of the Nazi technique appears in the White Book's account of the rest of the interview with Dr. Brauer.

HITLER'S OWN WORDS

When Prof. Koht said he must consult the whole Government, the Ger-

man Minister replied a decision must be taken urgently "because German action had already advanced so far that if it were to be arrested the German demands must immediately be accepted."

There was little delay in giving a reply. "The Norwegian Government quickly decided that no independent country could accept such demands.

"In informing the German Minister, Prof. Koht reminded him of the statement recently made by the German Fuehrer that a people who humbly submitted to an aggressor without the slightest resistance did not deserve to exist."

A later section of the White Book throws revealing light on the embarrassments in which the Nazis became involved by their too precipitate attempt to emulate the not very happy example provided them by the Soviets in setting up the puppet government of Kuusinen in Finland.

GERMAN ENVOY SEES KING

On the evening of April 9 a telegram was received at Elverum, to which the King, Government and Storting had moved after the meeting of the Storting earlier in the day at Hamar, which confirmed the Government in office after learning of its action.

This telegram asked King Haakon to receive the German Minister in audience to discuss certain proposals.

During the night a German detachment began to advance on Elverum and the King and Government, except Dr. Koht, left there.

However the German attacks were repulsed by the Norwegians and thus King Haakon was able to return and after all to receive the German envoy at Elverum on the afternoon of April 10. There were conversations first

between the King and Dr. Brauer and later in the presence of Dr. Koht.

CHANGED SITUATION

"The German Minister declared the situation was now so altered that the demands presented in the memorandum the previous day could no longer satisfy the German Government, and he must now demand the creation of a new government in which Germany could have confidence, making possible amicable collaboration between Norway and Germany.

"The German Government demanded that Major Quisling be appointed Prime Minister and the Ministers be men he had chosen for his government, possibly completed by a few other personalities."

After the King and Dr. Koht had pointed out that Quisling was quite without the confidence of the Norwegian people, "the Foreign Minister declared the Nygaardsvold Government had declared themselves willing to resign and he asked whether the German Government could not consider the creation of a friendly government which could collaborate with Germany composed of other persons than those mentioned. Dr. Brauer declared he was prepared to make concessions as to the membership of the government but Herr Hitler insisted that Quisling must be Prime Minister."

HITLER CONDEMNED

Thus Hitler refused as usual even to negotiate and preferred a breach with Norway and all its sequences to abandoning the demand for Quisling.

In the end he has been forced subsequently to discard Major Quisling but the episode shows once more than even when dealing with countries against which he had no grudge, Hitler is incapable of negotiating or of making the least concession.

Some hours later the German Minister received a reply that the King could not appoint the Quisling government.

"Dr. Brauer asked whether this meant that Norwegian resistance against the German invasion would continue, and the Foreign Minister replied, yes, as long as possible."

The same evening the Government agreed upon a proclamation to the Norwegian people which was issued the following morning and started the organisation of military resistance against attack."

ATTACKS ON KING HAAKON

The White Book records that during the following days the Government had to move from place to place because they were pursued by German aeroplanes everywhere they settled, and particularly on April 11 fierce bombardments took place in Trysil against King Haakon and the Government, and concludes:

"The barbarous warfare the German authorities have thus started has compelled the Norwegian Government temporarily to conceal their residence. But the fight will be kept up and the Government has been promised military help from the Allied Western Powers. They feel confident that in collaboration with these states they can save Norway for the Norwegian people." — British Wireless.

U.S. WARSHIPS IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

The American cruiser "Augusta," flagship of Admiral Thomas Hart, arrived here at noon yesterday bringing Mr. Francis B. Sayre, High Commissioner of the Philippines.

Other American warships are expected later. Six submarines arrived a few days ago.

The arrival of the warships has revived many cabarets in Shanghai's "Blood Alley" where many had closed or about to be closed had the Fleet not arrived.—Havas.

STOCK MARKET WAITS FOR THE BUDGET

London, To-day.

Although the imminence of the Budget restricted activity on the Stock-Exchange yesterday the market was generally cheerful.

Gilt-edged securities quietly improved while gold-minings were supported by local investors. Oils were brighter on growing demand.

Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

Mr. Blok, of No. 41, Wyndham Street, has reported the theft of a motor pump valued at \$150 from his residence.

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COMMUNIST DANGER TO FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

Why France simply had to adopt the measures she has adopted against Communists is explained in a letter to the British Labour Party from the Secretary of the French Socialist Party.

Many former Communist Deputies are now in prison in France for violating the decree of last September making the Communist Party illegal.

In his letter, the French Socialist secretary emphasizes what many people elsewhere do not realise—the magnitude of the Communist danger to France's war effort.

The severity of the measures are commensurate with the dangers they were designed to meet, he says.

The Communist Party had made itself the mouth-piece of a foreign government which was the associate and accomplice of a country at war with France.

The issue was clear—France had to decide whether or not a party which was directed and financed by a foreign power should take part in the work of the French Assembly and given information of the military and diplomatic position and secret details of the defence of France.—Reuter.

CURFEW IN AALBORG

LONDON, TO-DAY.

ACCORDING TO THE GERMAN CONTROLLED COPENHAGEN RADIO, CURFEW WAS IMPOSED IN AALBORG YESTERDAY FOLLOWING TWO R.A.F. RAIDS ON THE AIRPORT THERE.

No civilians except persons going to or from work and doctors and nurses are allowed in the streets between 11 p.m. and 4.30 a.m.

The Copenhagen announcer gave detailed instructions what to do in the course of an air-raid and warned listeners outside Aalborg that a state of air-raid might be declared in other parts of the country.—Reuter.

CHANGING THE TUNE

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.

THE LAST VESTIGES OF GERMAN CLAIMS THAT THEY ARE PROTECTING NORWAY ARE FADING FROM THE GERMAN PRESS.

The "Koelnische Zeitung" openly attacks King Haakon, and says he left no stone unturned to encourage his people to adopt an anti-German attitude.

The paper declares that with the explosion of the Norwegian Minister from Berlin the situation has become seriously aggravated.—Reuter.

GERMAN PLANE DOWN IN BELGIUM

Brussels, To-day.

A German plane, forced over the frontier by three French machines, was brought down in Belgium yesterday morning.—Reuter.

A.R.P. IN DENMARK

Copenhagen, To-day.

Aalborg has been placed under a state of constant air defence precautions.

Notices giving the whereabouts of A.R.P. shelters and general notices to the public have been posted at street corners.—Reuter.

NOT ENOUGH CANNON FODDER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

TWO HUNDRED-AND-FIFTY-THOUSAND FEWER BABIES WERE BORN IN 1938 THAN DURING PREVIOUS YEARS AND THE AUTHORITIES HAVE DECIDED ON A SERIES OF MEASURES AIMING TO FIGHT THE RISING INFANT MORTALITY.

The preliminary steps will consist of firstly, compulsory examination, in every three months, of all children born in 1939;

Secondly, Governors of all prefectures will appoint examining physicians, one for each school district, totalling about 20,000 and

Thirdly, 30,000 licensed nurses and midwives will assist them.

Finally, 100,000 advisers on infant care will be enlisted to give advice regarding the care and feeding of babies.—Havas.

WE ARE ALL ONLY NORWEGIANS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

"THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS HAVE TAKEN VIGOROUS ACTION FOR THE BATTLE TO BE FOUGHT ON NORWEGIAN SOIL," DECLARED THE NORWEGIAN MINISTER IN LONDON IN A BROADCAST LAST NIGHT.

He added: "Much has been written about those who betrayed the country. They are isolated and misguided persons.

"There are no parties now in Norway. We are all only Norwegians."—Reuter.

GERMANS REPULSED

PARIS, TO-DAY.

LAST NIGHT'S FRENCH COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT EAST OF THE MOSELLE FRENCH FORCES REPULSED BY FIRE THE ATTACK OF AN ENEMY DETACHMENT WHICH DID NOT SUCCEED IN APPROACHING OUR OUTPOSTS.

During the night of Sunday and Monday several deep reconnaissances were carried out by our aviation.

During the morning of Monday, in the course of an encounter with one of our patrols, an enemy reconnaissance plane was shot down and fell in Belgium.—Reuter.

JAP. MISSION IN LONDON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE "JAPANESE SUMMER WELLES," MR. TATSUO KAWAI, WHO IS AT PRESENT IN LONDON, STATED TO THE PRESS: "I AM MAKING CLOSE CONTACTS BETWEEN THE JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE AND OUR DIPLOMATS ABROAD.

"I have had the opportunity of meeting a large number of prominent people and hearing many opinions. I have been able to get a general impression of the situation. My trip has no special motive behind it."

Mr. Tatsu Kawai has already visited North America, Italy and France, and intends visiting Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, the Balkan States and Russia.

He is expected to return to England before going back to Japan.—Havas.

SEA LION TAKES A REST

London, To-day.

H.M. Submarine Sea Lion has returned for a rest. She sank a 3,000-ton German transport in Norwegian waters.—Reuter.

Eye-Witness Story Of B.E.F. In Norway 100-MILE DRIVE OF REUTER MAN

FIRST-HAND ACCOUNT OF SUCCESSES OF ALLIED FORCES

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent at Gaeddede, on the Norwegian-Swedish Frontier).

LONDON, TO-DAY.
I RETURNED HERE IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THE MORNING AFTER A 100 MILE DRIVE INTO THE NORWEGIAN WAR ZONE WITH TWO VIVID IMPRESSIONS — THE FORMIDABLE NATURE OF GERMAN AERIAL ATTACKS AND THE TERROR ON THE FACES OF VILLAGERS FLEEING FROM BOMBED VILLAGES.

After a drive across a rough track over the wild mountain height of Bradfjell from the frontier, I drove into the little town of Grong to find everything in utter confusion. Terrified villagers carrying bundles of clothes were fleeing in desperate panic.

"The Germans have bombed us and we are leaving," a young Norwegian told me, and added: "There have been many English soldiers down here—they are now fighting the Germans down south."

I called at the local Norwegian military headquarters and found them working by candlelight in an improvised air raid shelter in a cellar. The Norwegian officer told me Namsos was in flames and very badly damaged.

Allied Successes

He said British troops had already captured Steinkjaer and a battle was in progress south of that town.

French, Norwegian and British troops, he added, were now in complete control of railways and communications south of Grong and on both sides of Lake Snaasa.

The British troops, he said, were many and their number is increasing daily.

Walking later through the deserted streets of Grong, I met a Norwegian soldier who, on being asked if there were any British troops in the neighbourhood, entered my car and directed me to a remote farmhouse.

Things Going Well

There, in the flickering light of an oil lamp in a Norwegian house, I had my first meeting with British officers attached to the British Expeditionary Force.

"Things are going very well indeed," a British officer told me, "but the persistent bombing and machine-gunning is the devil."

The day before, he said, he had been in Namsos, and German planes had been over continuously from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Attacks On Civilians

The town had been badly smashed and was blazing furiously in many places, but he said, there had been few casualties and as far as he knew there had been no loss of life among British troops.

Soldiers and civilians alike were being machinegunned, he said, in furious air attacks on all roads, villages and towns in the district. — Reuter.

A' LAIN HINT TO ITALY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.
The results obtained by the Allies in Norway infallibly prove their naval power and frustrated the German plan to sink a number of Allied warships, comments "The Times," adding: "We are now in a position to shift a large proportion of our naval units to other waters should the international situation make it necessary."—Havas.

LUXEME URG REPLY TO GERMANS

Luxemburg, To-day.
The Germans have constructed landing stages on the German side of the Moselle and Sure Rivers on the frontier between Germany and Luxemburg. They declare the object is to increase river traffic and revive the railways.

The Luxemburg Government as a result has erected on the Luxemburg side of the river concrete obstacles with spikes made of rails.—Reuter.

WAR OFFICE STATEMENT ON OPERATIONS

LONDON, TO-DAY.
A War Office communique issued last evening stated: "In our operations in support of the Norwegians our troops, landing at many places, have achieved considerable success in the face of great difficulties."

"They have gained touch with Norwegian forces to whom they are giving all support by their power." — British Wireless.

were also reported off the east coast last night. Anti-aircraft guns were in action and pursuit planes went up.—Reuter.

GERMANS IN TIGHT POSITION

London, To-day.

It is plain that one object of the Nazi campaign in southern Norway is to relieve the garrisons at Trondheim and Narvik, which can only be supplied now by air.

The German commander at Trondheim is sending out detachments of men to dig trenches and build barriers some miles to the north of the town.

From the south, the Allies are at Andalsnes, while from the north the Allies are advancing from Namsos. Namsos was heavily bombed by the Nazis on Saturday, but only the trawler Rutlandshire was sunk; her crew were rescued. There were no casualties among the Allied troops.

Reports of fighting between Trondheim and Namsos continue to come in.

Around Narvik, the situation is still obscure.—Reuter.

CHUNGKING WARNINGS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.

AN AIR-RAID ALARM WAS SOUNDED AT 11.30 A.M. YESTERDAY AND THE POPULATION TOOK SHELTER IN PERFECT ORDER IN THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED DUG-OUTS.

The "all clear" was sounded at 12.55 p.m.

A reliable source stated that Chinese planes prevented the Japanese bombers from reaching the city.—Havas.

AFTER RAID

Chungking, To-day.

For the second time yesterday the air raid alarm was sounded here at 5.45 p.m. when three Japanese bombing squadrons of 10 machines each were reported over Shasi and Tsenkiang in Hupeh heading for the west.

The aircraft raided an undisclosed place, dropping many bombs, but failed to reach Chungking. The "all clear" was given at 11 p.m.—Central News.

BELGIAN ARMY LEAVE PARTLY RESTORED

Brussels, To-day.

It is announced that Army leave has been restored "to a certain extent."—Reuter.

R.A.F. DRIVES OFF GERMAN PLANES

LONDON, TO-DAY.
Two aeroplanes, believed to be hostile, were seen flying high over the Shetlands area yesterday afternoon.

Anti-aircraft batteries opened fire and British fighters went up, the planes being driven off.

No bombs were dropped and no air raid warning was sounded.—Reuter.

IN SOUTH TOO

LONDON, TO-DAY.
Planes, believed to be German, were reported off the south-east coast last night. Heavy gunfire was heard and great flashes were seen just above the water as if bombs were exploding.

Aircraft believed to be German,

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THE WAR AND ITALY

Italo-German Relations

The most significant thing that has happened in Italy in the first seven months of war is the transfer of the German-speaking minority from the Italian Tyrol to the Third Reich. The fact that nearly two hundred thousand souls are being uprooted and shunted across the frontier is not the important thing, for the Germans have already demonstrated, in the Saar and elsewhere, their capacity to blend terror and propaganda until a people votes its own enslavement. The fact that a bone of contention between Germany and Italy has been removed is not the important thing, for Hitler has long ago made it plain that the German minorities are only a pretext for conquests which are made on purely strategic considerations.

The significance of the Tyrolean transfer lies in the fact that it has made Italy Germany's debtor to the tune of about six billion liras. In September, Germany owed Italy money—nearly a billion liras—under the Italo-German clearing agreement. To-day, Italy owes Germany money, and the sum is prodigious. It is characteristic of the shrewd manipulators around Hitler that they have evolved, through sheer politics, an economic solution which wipes out the one billion liras Berlin owed Rome, and makes Rome now owe Berlin five times that sum. That is political and economic genius, exercised with a ruthless scorn for the "human cattle" that inhabited the Tyrol. It is this sort of thing, which makes Mussolini admire Hitler extravagantly and feel that Hitler, even yet, can win a war in which he is pitted against what Mussolini would call "an old man like Chamberlain."

In throwing out the German-speaking population, Mussolini agreed to pay indemnities for the loss of property not to them but to the Berlin Government. The property of nearly two hundred thousand persons brings the total indemnity up to six billion liras. The individuals themselves are not worth thirty thousand liras each, of course, but it is the region of the best hotels in Italy and of the best industrial plants. Both were owned by the German stock.

This then is the secret of the incredible success of Doctor Clodius. Hitler's agent came to Rome just as the British and Italians were signing contracts for the purchase of one hundred million dollars' worth of goods to be processed or manufactured in Italy. The British had been generous in the extreme on the prices involved, because they were buying things which the Germans wanted and, with the Italian industrialists full of optimism for the first time in many years, production had already begun in some categories. The various Fascist structures and corporations had already approved the contracts. Only when they reached Mussolini were they abruptly vetoed.

Clodius was able to exploit two weapons: first, Italy's debt of six billion liras to Germany; second, Italy's fear that, if she were not sufficiently

independent of the Allies, she might become involved in the war. This second danger was two-edged because Italy could become involved through Hitler's losing patience and attacking his former ally in desperation, or through Italian public opinion suddenly realising that the country's interests were inevitably bound up with those of French and Britain, so that intervention might be precipitated by popular demand.

How Italy can afford to abandon profitable trade with Britain and turn to Germany instead no one in Italy seems to know. Italy must ship goods to Germany if she is to wipe out the Tyrolean debt. But how is she to get raw material which Germany too sorely lacks? Two things Italy can get: coal, which Germany produces in abundance, and manufactured and semi-finished products, which the Italians will mark "made in Italy's" and try to ship abroad for gold and foreign exchange. The Germans, incidentally, are said to have given

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an arbitrary value to the mark, in exchange for liras, which is greatly to the benefit of Italy, both in trade and in payment of the Tyrolean indemnities.

But despite the abundance of coal in Germany and the adjustment of the mark, it seems unlikely that Germany can supply Italy's coal needs. Italy is able to defy Britain to-day because there is a reserve of some two to three months coal needs, but afterwards Italian industry, already curtailed, might be brought to a standstill. High Italian quarters argue that Germany can send by rail the three million tons now sent by sea. But this would mean six million tons a year of coal over the German and Italian railways. It would mean doubling the present traffic to one thousand seven hundred and fifty carloads of coal a day or a train of thirty-six cars every half-hour night and day.

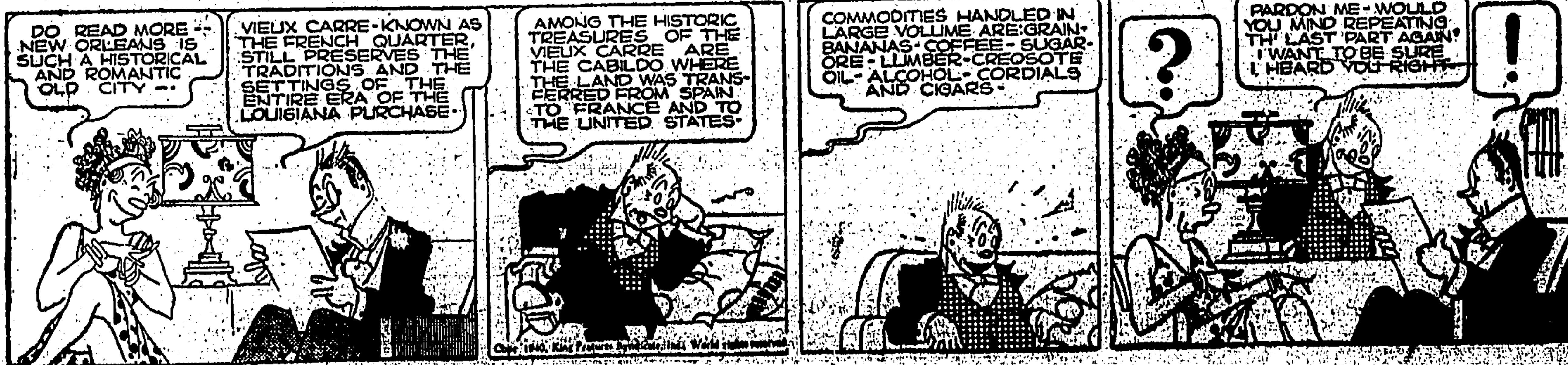
Germany is already using between twelve and seventeen thousand Italian freight cars because of her own shortage of rolling stock. That is ten per cent of all of Italy's freight cars, and the country's industry cannot afford to see another ten per cent so diverted.

The transfer of the Tyrolean Germans spells hardship and suffering for a great many more than those hustled out of that region alone.

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Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



REFUGEE CAMP CASE ENDS

AT THE SUPREME COURT THIS MORNING LI KAM WAS FOUND NOT GUILTY ON THE CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER OF LI KAM-HO ON FEBRUARY 21 AT THE TAI HANG REFUGEE CAMP.

The case was heard by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor. Mr. E. H. Williams prosecuted assisted by Inspector Darkin while defendant was not represented.

The jury, who did not retire, was composed of Messrs. R. H. Wild, Wong Kam-poon, Poon Kei-yeung, J. Harrop, A. R. Kinross, E. C. Hanscomb and Tsoi Pak-hang.

Accused was charged with causing the death of Li Kam-ho by striking him with a bamboo pole in the course of a quarrel at the refugee camp as the result of which he died from a fractured skull.

There were two different versions of the fighting and yesterday witnesses said that accused was the first to pick up a pole and strike deceased while two other witnesses said they saw deceased running away and being chased by two men. Accused is said to have turned round and picked up a pole and warded off the blows of the other men.

Dr. C. W. Lam, former superintendent of Tung Wah Hospital said that when the Tung Wah Hospital was formed in 1938 it was understood that the hospital would treat police cases and if, in the opinion of the medical officer the patient was fit, he would be removed later to the Queen Mary Hospital.

In answer to the Chief Justice, witness said that in the present case he thought it would have been better to leave the deceased at Tung Wah Hospital.

Inspector Darkin, on whose application the deceased was removed to Queen Mary Hospital, said that on his arrival, deceased was unconscious and his condition was serious but there was no suggestion that it would be dangerous to remove him to Queen Mary Hospital. It was right to assume that he was guided by the medical officer in charge of a case.

In summing up His Lordship said that there were two different versions of the happening. When arrested, accused stated he was attacked and gave the same story at the Magistracy and in the dock this morning.

He had no opportunity when arrested and when he made his statement to see any of the witnesses.

His Lordship then dwelt on the legal aspect of self defence.

FATHER WHO SOLD HIS SON

A father who sold his son without his wife's knowledge was given six months' hard labour by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning when, with another man, he was charged with taking part in a transaction concerning a two-year-old boy.

Another man, Lam Yat, who acted as go-between for the sale and received \$250, was fined \$25 or one month's hard labour.

Mr. G. W. Moreton, of the S.C.A., stated Chui Kok took away the child on March 28 without his wife's knowledge and sold the lad to a woman for \$25, as an adopted son, through Lam Yat.

His wife reported the matter to the police and herself recovered the child on April 8 when she saw the child in the street.

Charged with snatching a handbag from Mrs. S. M. Lopes, of Granville Road, in front of the Alhambra Theatre yesterday, Ip Cheung, 19, was given three months' hard labour by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning. Sergeant McDermott said accused was arrested by a passer-by after snatching the bag.

GARDEN RD. CASE

As a sequel to a fatal accident in Garden Road on Sunday, Leung Fan, 26, licenced driver, was brought before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning on a charge of driving without due care and caution.

Traffic Sub-Inspector F. J. Clarke said defendant was driving lorry No. 4492 along Garden Road towards Queen's Road about 12.15 p.m. on Sunday. When near the Murray Parade ground, defendant ran into a squad of St. John's Ambulance Brigade members, then swerved to the left side of the road, and crashed into a tree where a man was standing and killed him.

Defendant said that a private car was overtaking a motor bus which was coming towards him, and he had to swerve towards the tree or run into the squad of Ambulance members.

Defendant was fined \$40 or one month's hard labour.

CAR "DRIVE" SANS MOTOR

A Chinese, Au Chi, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning for driving without an appropriate licence in Garden Road, last week.

It was said that defendant was a marine dealer, who bought an old motor car as scrap iron in Conduit Road. Defendant was seen at the wheel while the car was coming down Garden Road, with another Chinese pushing from behind. There was no engine inside the car, and when near St. John's Cathedral the car crashed against the wall and damaged a water pipe.

Traffic Inspector Clarke said defendant did not know the first thing about a motor car, and it was dangerous to drive in a car without an engine.

Defendant who was said to be sick and pleaded guilty through a representative, was remanded.

LOITERING CHARGE

A 20-year-old unemployed, Mak Wai-hung, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy this morning for loitering on enclosed premises in Stanley on April 16.

It was said that defendant was found hiding under a bed inside "Erinville," Island Road, the residence of Mr. A. W. J. Simmons. Defendant was struck on the head during a struggle with Mr. Simmons and was sent to Queen Mary Hospital for treatment. Defendant was also ordered to be expelled from the Colony as a destitute.

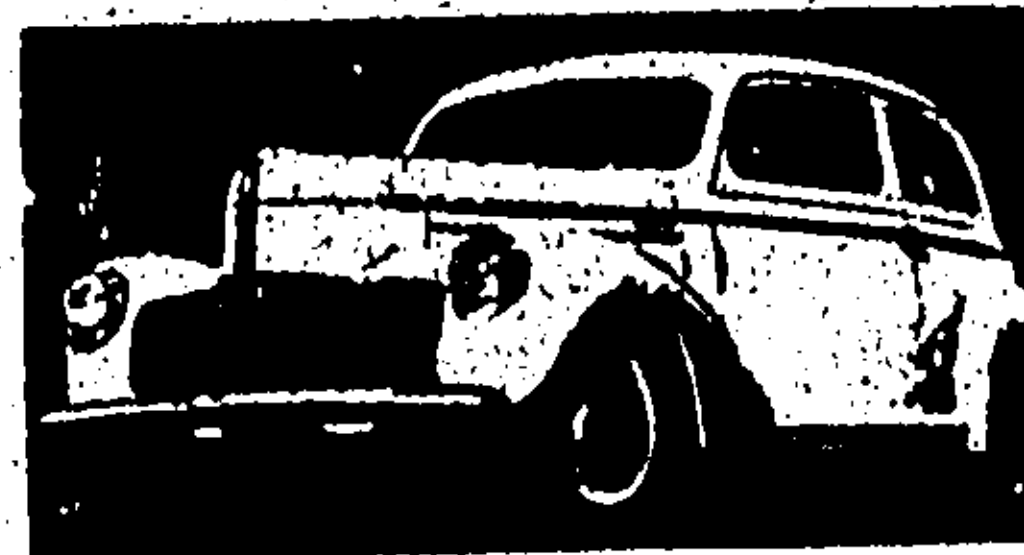
CHARGE DISMISSED

A charge against N. A. E. Mackay of driving without due care and caution at the junction of Nathan Road and Bowring Street on March 21, was dismissed by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

With 21 previous convictions, Chung Cheung, 26, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. E. Hims-worth at Kowloon this morning when charged with the theft of a bicycle. Accused stole the bicycle outside No. 41, Mody Road, yesterday afternoon and was arrested later with the bicycle.

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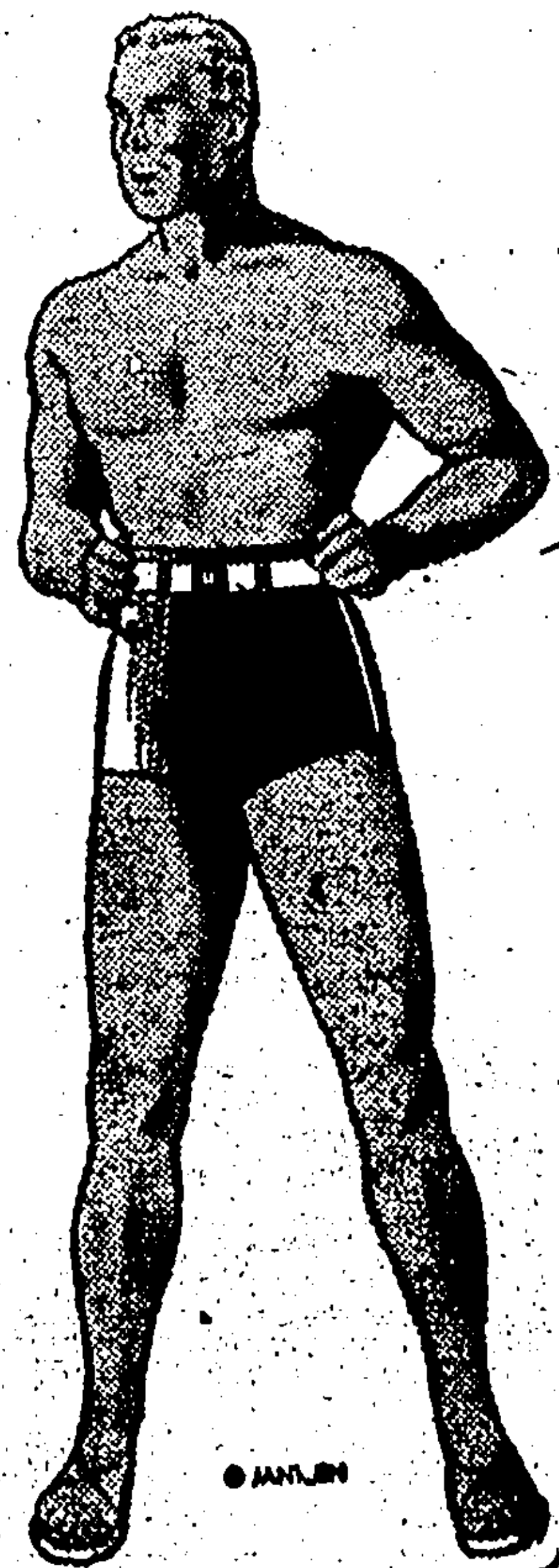
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PRESS COMMENT

"FIFTH COLUMN" IN ENGLAND

London, To-day.

THE DEARTH OF OFFICIAL NEWS from Norway gives little scope to the British Press for comment and most of the leading articles from discussing the main topic. Russia, Italy, the "Fifth Column" and Imperialism are discussed — but not Norway.

"The Times" sums up the difficulties about getting a complete picture of what is happening in Norway in a leader entitled "Waiting for News." Waiting for vital news is not easy. Waiting is always necessary until the issue is decided or the situation clarified and until information can be put out without profiting the enemy.

In Norway, it is not possible to withhold news to the extent which may be desirable. Reports get across the frontier into neutral Sweden. But "The Times" warns that much of the reports from Sweden have not been altogether reliable in the past and it would be unwise to place complete confidence in what is coming through now.

We may think we have enough material for putting together a general outline, but it is possible that important gaps are not filled in or the importance of some of the details supplied exceed reality.

If people are eagerly waiting for news "The Times" concludes, they are doing so in a spirit of calm, feeling that this crisis has been competently and rapidly met.

FIFTH COLUMN IN BRITAIN

The "News Chronicle" does not think much of would-be "Quislings" in Britain.

Discussing the agitation in certain quarters about the possibility of a "Fifth Column" in Britain, the paper takes the view that the Communists are being so stupid that they can quite safely be left at liberty to complete the ruin of what reputation remains to them.

Recent by-elections in which Fascist, Communist and Peace-Group candidates participated have shown that their supporters are small enough to be safely ignored and that they are, indeed, decreasing.

TALKS WITH RUSSIA

The Labour "Daily Herald" approves the Government's willingness to talk trade with Russia, providing Moscow refrains from furnishing Hitler with the materials of war. If Russia intends to live as a peaceful neutral, mutual trade would be to the advantage of both countries.

The mounting guard by French Canadians at Buckingham Palace gives "The Times" an opportunity to discuss Imperialism.

It is difficult to appreciate the full significance of the French Canadians taking over this duty from the Irish Guards.

Let those who see it as nothing more than a matter of military routine, try to imagine a Bohemian Regiment, speaking Czech, mounting guard at Berchtesgaden!

They may then estimate the worth of those who represent the war to neutral countries as a struggle between rival imperialisms.—Reuter.

20 DEAD IN EAST COAST SINKING

London, To-day.

The Norwegian steamer Bravore (1,458 tons) was sunk after an explosion off the south-east coast of England yesterday.

Twenty of the crew of 24 are feared to have lost their lives. Four survivors were landed at a south-east coast port.—Reuter.

FIRST AMERICAN KILLED ON LAND

Washington, To-day.

Captain Losey, U.S. military attache in Stockholm, who was killed in a German air raid on Sunday, was the first American killed on land since the beginning of the war.

Captain Losey was assisting to remove Americans from the war zone.—Reuter.

GENERAL ABE ARRIVES IN NANKING

Shanghai, To-day.

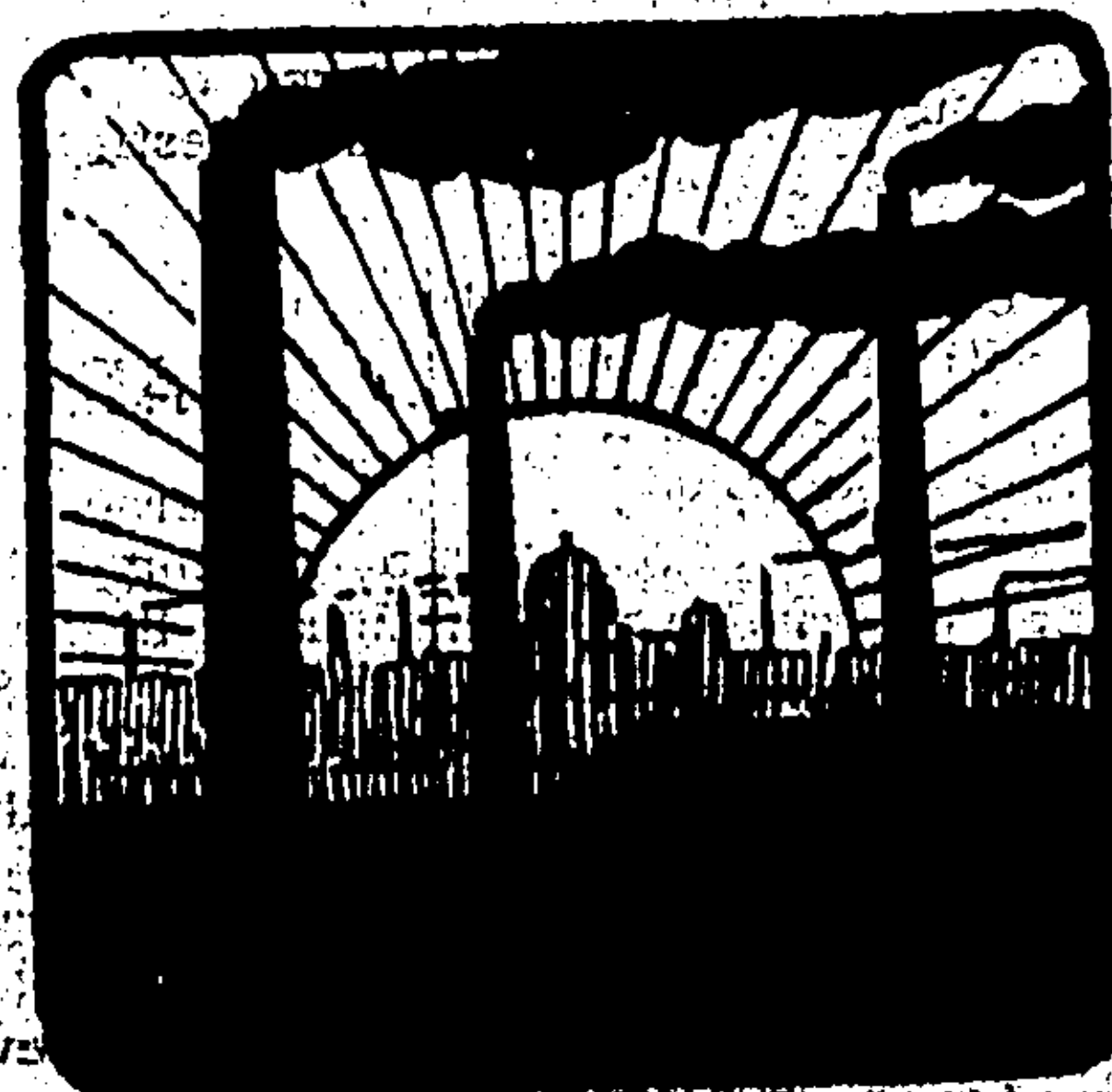
General Abe, Envoy Extraordinary to Wang Ching-wei's "National Government," arrived in Nanking yesterday.

He did not touch at Shanghai but went directly to Nanking.—Our Own Correspondent.

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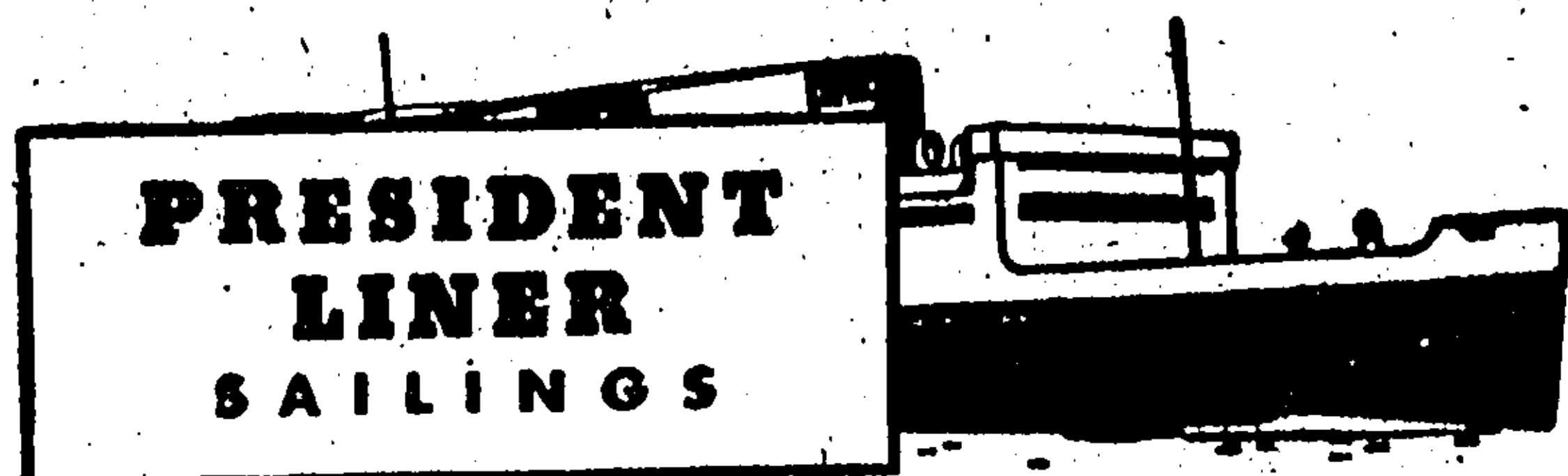
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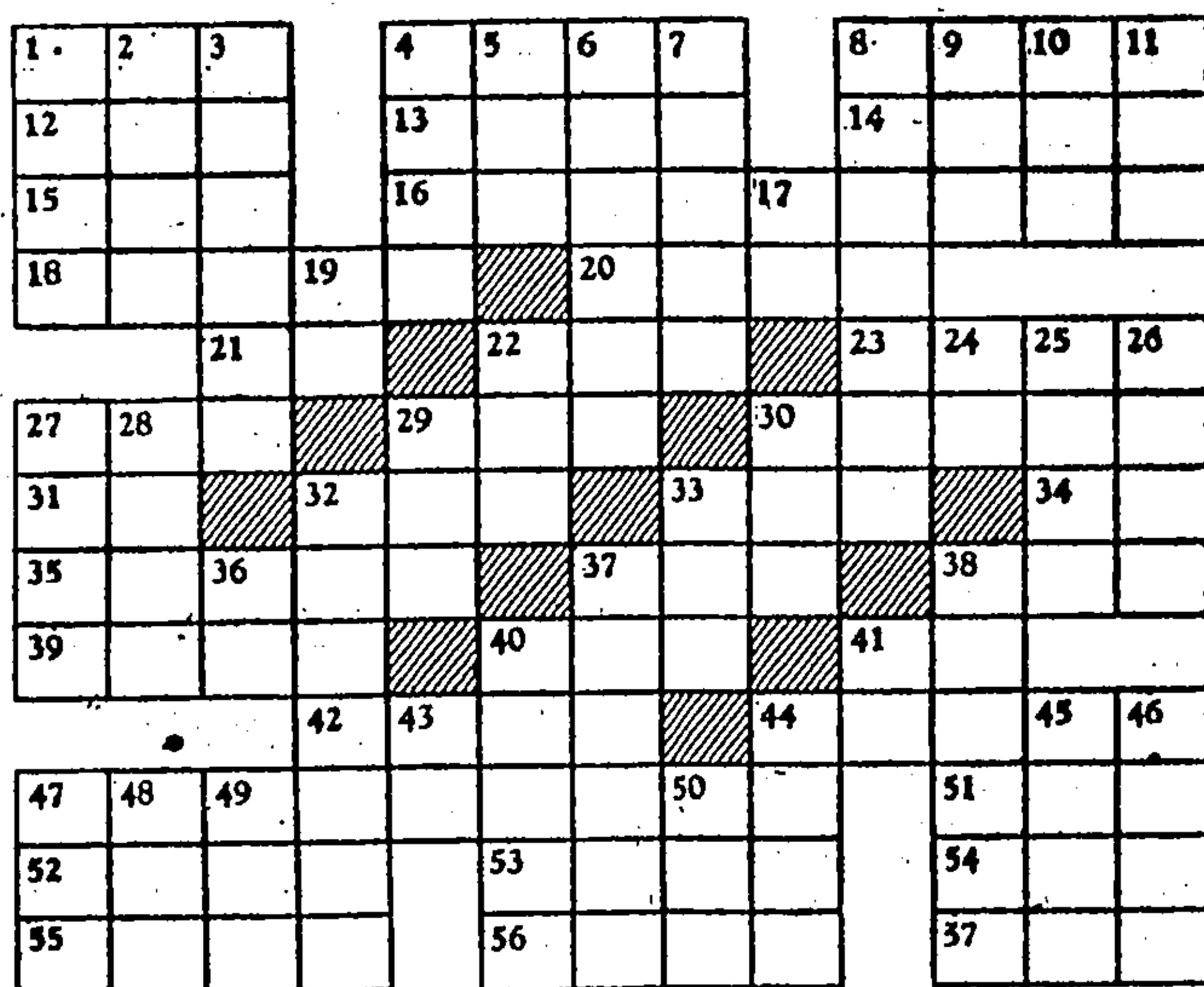
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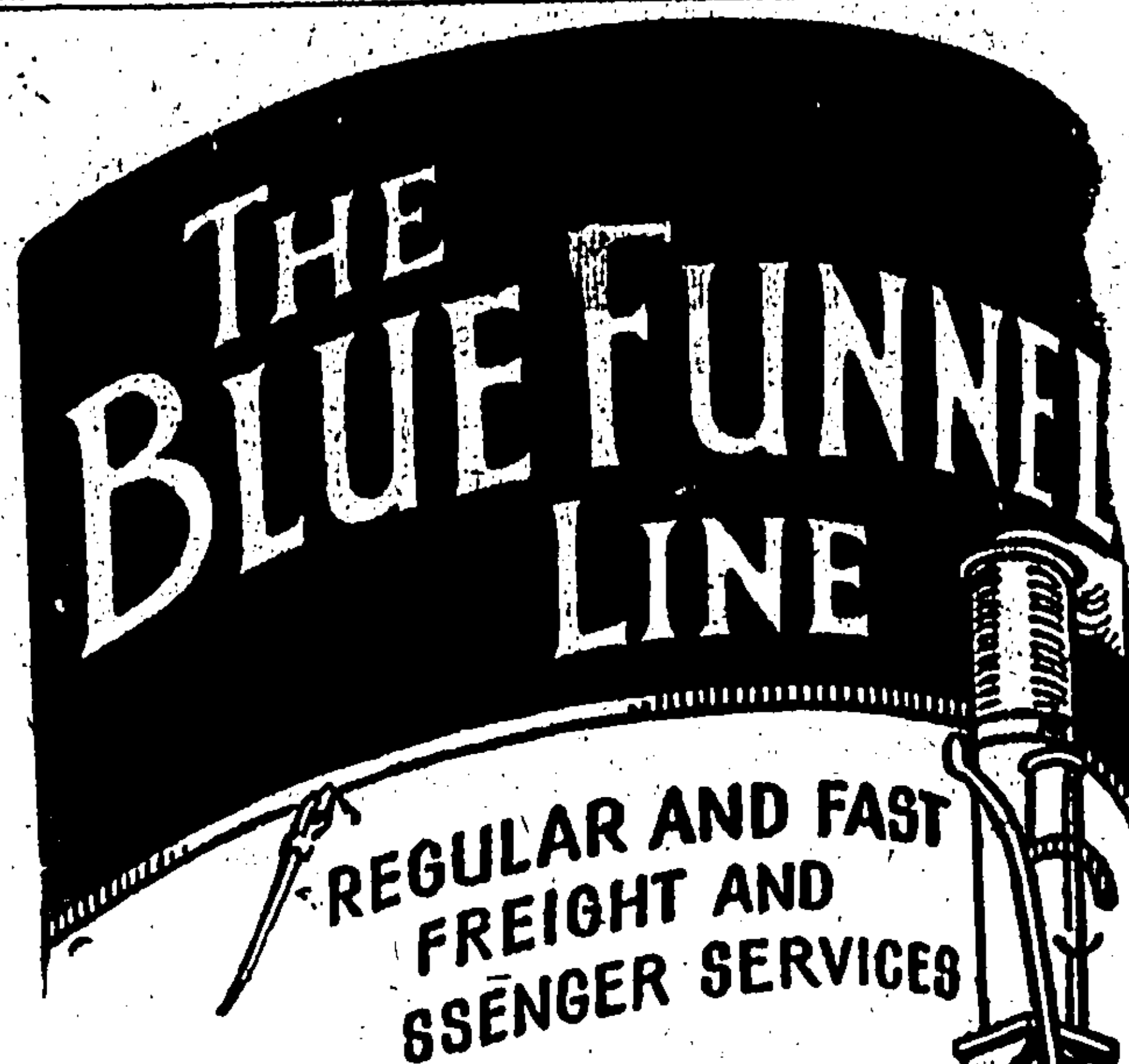
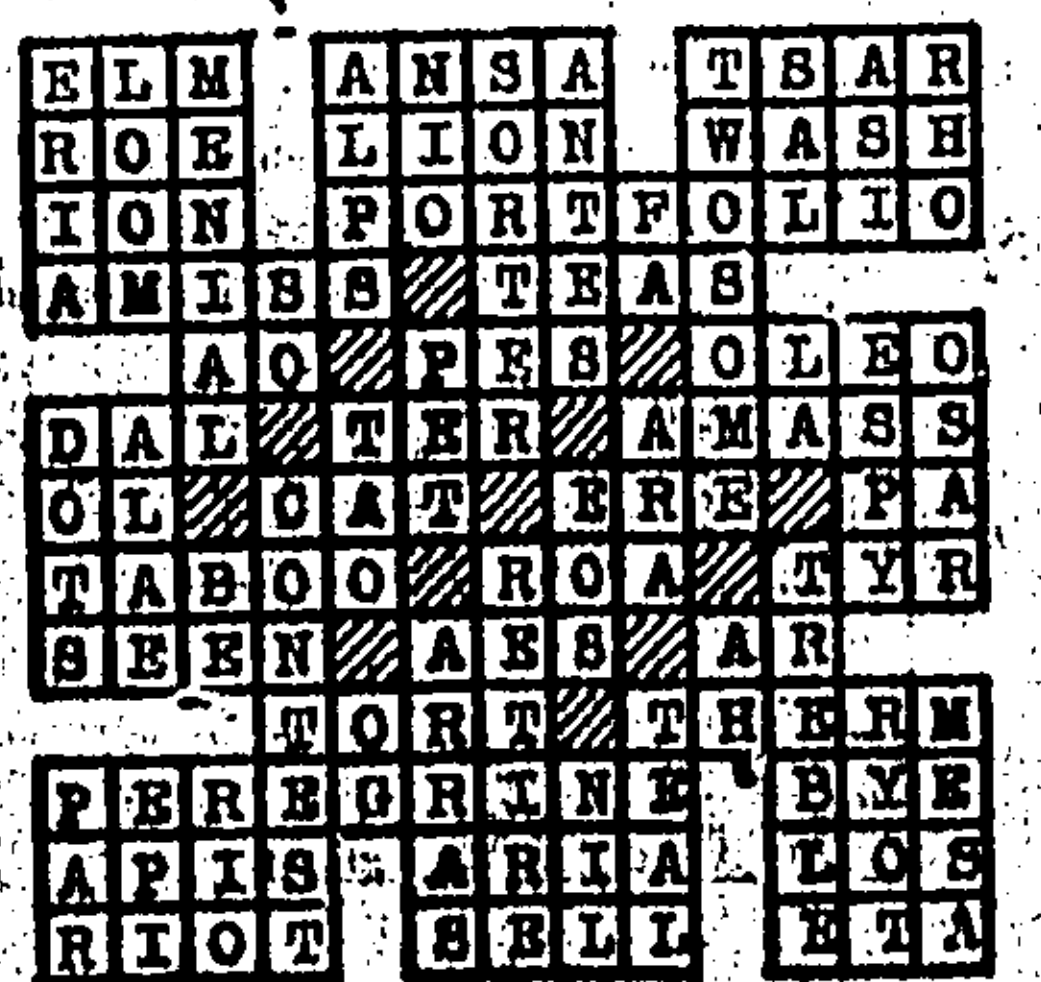
HORIZONTAL

- 1 High card
- 4 Soothing application
- 8 Unadorned
- 12 Flowed
- 13 Discount
- 14 Arrow poison
- 15 Unit of work
- 16 Modifying circumstance
- 18 Incandescent particle
- 20 Retreat
- 21 To depart
- 22 Babylonian deity
- 23 Wife of Geraint
- 27 Enemy
- 29 Competent
- 30 Moving crowd
- 31 King of Bashan
- 32 Prohibition
- 33 Small cake
- 34 Article
- 35 Murmuring sound
- 37 To polish
- 38 Insect
- 39 Dispatched
- 40 Roman bronze

VERTICAL

- 1 War god
- 2 To cavil
- 3 To hire
- 4 To uphold
- 5 Past
- 6 European bird
- 7 Paragon
- 8 Small heron
- 9 Tropical blackbird
- 10 Sign of Zodiac
- 11 Lair
- 17 Exists
- 19 Artificial language
- 22 Large receptacle
- 24 Negative
- 25 Russian emperor
- 26 Depression
- 27 Mists
- 28 Monster
- 29 To cool
- 30 Beginner
- 32 Grows fat
- 33 Vehicle
- 36 Preposition
- 37 To withdraw
- 38 Accepts as one's own
- 40 Sacrificial structure
- 41 Conjunction
- 43 Preposition
- 44 Dread
- 45 To navigate
- 46 Playing card
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New York/London rate at £-

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EUROPEAN BOY BITTEN BY DOG

A Chinese Tse Lau, was treated at Kowloon Hospital after he had been bitten by a dog owned by Mrs. E. da Roza, of Liberty Avenue. The dog was sent to Mautaukok for observation.

Another dog owned by Pte. J. W. Foster of Kennedy Road, was sent to Kennedy Town for observation, after it had been bitten a European boy, Norman Simpson, at Kennedy Road yesterday. The boy was treated in the Military Hospital.

Mr. D. Orr, of No. 28, Kennedy Road, has reported that while driving car No. 465 along Chatham Road, he knocked down a Chinese boy, who received slight injuries and ran away.

U.S. MIGHT BE FORCED INTO WAR WITH JAPAN

Washington, To-day.

Declaring that Japan's promises in international relations "are worthless" and that Japan is "seeking to impose her culture on the world by force," "Rear-Admiral Taussig, former Assistant Chief of Naval Operations, addressing the Senate Naval Committee, stated that the trend of developments in the Far East might eventually force the United States into a war against Japan.

Asserting that he was expressing only his own viewpoint, Rear Admiral Taussig said: "We would be warranted in using economic and financial means and, if necessary, force to preserve the integrity of China."

Saying that even if Japan conquered China, she would still lack essentials such as oil, rubber and tin, Rear Admiral Taussig opined that Japan "thus might seek to expand in the Dutch Indies and the Philippines," and added: "But we should not be placed in the position of having to carry on, single-handed, a war against Japan."

He suggested that Britain, France and the Netherlands should give assistance. "It should be a naval war. We cannot invade Japan and Japan cannot invade the United States."

He suggested the construction of an impregnable naval base in the Philippines and the continued building of battleships, and said that agreements might be made with the British, French and Dutch whereby American naval vessels could use their bases in the Pacific.—Reuter.



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INCREASING R.A.F. EFFICIENCY

London, To-day.

IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED that in order to relieve strain upon the Chiefs of Staffs, Sir John Dill, at present commanding the First Corps in France, has been appointed Vice-Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

Vice-Admiral Thomas S. V. Phillips and Air Marshal R. E. Peirse, at present Deputy Chiefs of the Naval and Air Staffs, respectively, have been appointed Vice-Chiefs.

The holders of the new posts will be on the Board of the Admiralty, Army Council and Air Council, respectively, and will be available to attend meetings of the War Cabinet at which the Chiefs of Staff are unable to be present.

It is understood that Sir Charles Craven will be a member of the Air Council and will assist Sir Wilfred Freeman, head of the production drive, necessitating the starting of new factories, employment of thousands of more men in aircraft production, and the creation of new aerodromes throughout the country.

In this connection it is understood that the Empire Training Scheme is coming well up to expectations. — Reuter.

AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE

London, To-day.

An Air Ministry announcement confirms that Sir Samuel Hoare has invited Sir Charles Craven to join the Air Council as civil member for the development of production in association with Air Marshal Sir Wilfred Freeman.

Sir Charles Craven is also to be Chairman of the Air Supply Board which will replace the existing Air Council Committee on supply and be responsible under the Air Council for production of aeronautical equipment and supplies.

Sir Charles, on taking up the appointment, has ceased to take part in the conduct of affairs of Vickers Limited, Vickers Armstrong Limited and all associated companies.

E. J. Lemon, whose services were lent to the Air Ministry by the London Midland and Scottish Railway in June, 1938, is resuming the vice-presidency of the L.M.S. organisation but will serve on the Air Supply Board.

Mr. Lemon carried out with marked success the two-year production programme for which he was lent to the Ministry. — Reuter.

DUTCH SHIP SUNK IN NORWEGIAN WATERS

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Dutch steamer Bernisse (951 tons), homeward bound with a cargo of iron, sank off the Norwegian coast yesterday. The crew of 18 were saved. — Reuter.



Counting sheep may be a good way to induce sleep, but it can't compare with a hard day's work as medicine for insomnia.

SKELETON IN PLEASURE GROUND

[From Our Own Correspondent]

Folkestone.
Two schoolboys found the skeleton of a man beneath bushes in The Warren, pleasure ground, at Folkestone.

Under the skeleton was a rubber bottle filled with water. Practically the only clothing which remained were the man's boots, and these gave no clues to identity.

Bushes had to be cut away before the skeleton could be moved. It lay at the foot of cliffs nearly 400ft high and the police believe it had been there for two years.

Only 300 yards from the spot is a tea chalet which is visited by many people during spring and summer.

IMPORTANT STATEMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE WAR OFFICE'S BRIEF COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING "CONSIDERABLE ALLIED SUCCESSES" IN NORWAY IS CONSIDERED TO BE VERY IMPORTANT DESPITE THE SCARCITY OF THE DETAILS PUBLISHED.

The general opinion is that these successes pertain to the establishment

of solid landing bases and also the establishment of contact with the Norwegians in the Lake Mjosa district.

It is anticipated that German troops operating north of Oslo will shortly be definitely cut off from those entrenched in the Trondheim district. — Havas.

GIRL PRESENTS HER CARD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL").
New York, To-day.

In a column syndicated all over the United States, Walter Winchell tells how two girls were arguing at a table in a cafe at Caracas, Venezuela.

One said to the other: "You're as pig-headed as Hitler." An attache of the German Consulate at Caracas was sitting near and heard the remark.

He slapped the girl across the face, then gave her his card, saying: "If you've any brothers or male relatives I shall be glad to meet one of them on the field of honour."

The girl, her mouth bleeding, said "I have no male relatives, but here's my card"—and, picking up a lemonade bottle from the table, she cracked the Nazi official over the head with such vigour that he fell unconscious and had to be taken away in an ambulance. — Havas.



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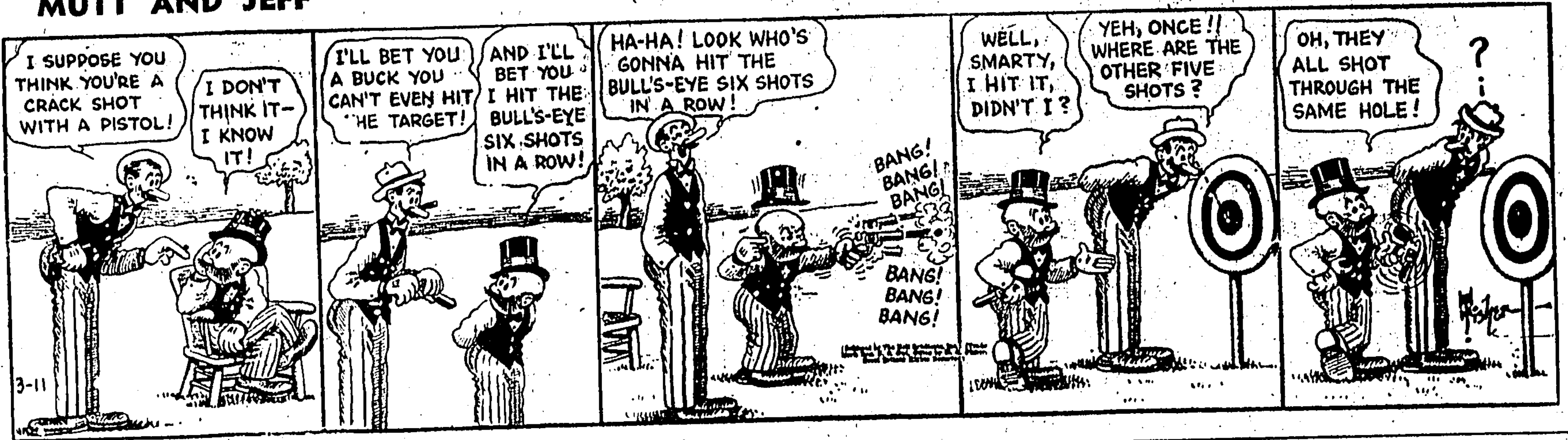
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7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
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8.03 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording — "London". A somewhat mis-conducted tour of the Capital of the British Empire. Written and produced by H. L. Morrow.
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9.45 p.m.—Eric Coates—Four Ways Suite. New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Joseph Lewis.
9.58 p.m.—Studio—Talk on "Shakespeare" by Professor R. K. M. Simpson.
10.18 p.m.—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and the New Light Symphony Orchestra. At Dawning (Cadman); Policeman's Holiday (Ewing); Parade of the Tin Soldiers (Jessel)...New Light Symphony Orch.

Glory of the Sea (Sanderson); The Border Ballad (Cowen)...Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra.
Prelude (Haydn Wood); Intermezzo (Co-

leridge-Taylor)...New Light Symphony Orchestra.
The Admiral's Boom (Bevan); A Jovial Monk Am I ('La Poupée'—Andran)...Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orch.
Monastery Bells (Wely); The Mill in The Forest (Ellenberg); Buffoon (Confrey); Jazz Nocturne "My Silent Love" (Suesse)...New Light Symphony Orch.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

Wartime Variety

To-day's Wireless

NAVY ACTIVE NEAR MANILA

MANILA, TO-DAY.
TWO UNITED STATES WARSHIPS HAVE BEEN DESPATCHED TO "KEEP AN EYE" ON A BRITISH WARSHIP REPORTED TO BE OPERATING IN PHILIPPINE WATERS, ACCORDING TO THE "MANILA BULLETIN" QUOTING "RELIABLE SOURCES."

This action has been taken in accordance with the neutrality regulations, the newspaper says.

Local radio programmes have been interrupted during the past three days by the naval authorities recalling personnel to ships. Naval quarters explained the reason for this as "special exercises."

It is learned that last week a British warship requested a coaster to verify its nationality at a point between Manila and North Luzon.—Reuter.

GOEBBELS KEEPING UP THE GOOD WORK

Berlin, To-day.
The official news agency claims that nine British and two French planes were shot down on Sunday, including two British bombers, during the raid on Stavanger and four raids on Aalborg.

In London, the Air Ministry stated that only one plane was missing in the Aalborg raid and none after the attack on Stavanger.—Reuter.

FOREIGN AIRCRAFT FLY OVER BELGIUM

Brussels, To-day.
A Ministry of Defence communique states that in addition to flights by foreign planes over the Neuf Chateau

EASTERN WIN LAST GAME

Manila, To-day.
Eastern climaxed their visit with a three nil victory over the combined La Salle-Y.C.O. team, and so winning six out of seven games.

Eastern were leading at the interval by two goals and for the rest of the game concentrated on the defence. The second half play was erratic throughout.

A trophy was presented to Eastern after the game. Eastern are returning to Hong Kong by Clipper.—Reuter.

NEW GERMAN- RUMANIAN AGREEMENT SIGNED

Rome, To-day.
The Rome Radio states that a new German-Rumanian agreement has been signed in Budapest by the German representative, Dr. Clodius, and the Rumanian Minister of Commerce. Details will be published in a few days.—Reuter.

SOVIET-JAPANESE TALKS IN MOSCOW

Moscow, To-day.
The Soviet Foreign Commissar, M. Molotov, received Mr. Togo, the Japanese Ambassador, on Sunday for the second time within three days. It is understood the interview was connected with trade negotiations.—Reuter.

region yesterday morning, foreign aircraft flew over Belgian territory at a number of points during the day. Two were identified as German machines.—Reuter.

Winning CONTRACT

(By The Four Aces)

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SUCCESSFUL FALSE-CARDING

We are indebted to Rozier C. Bayly of Alexandria, Va., for the following hand:

West, Dealer
East-West vulnerable
♠ Q 10 3 2
♥ A K 2
♦ J 8 7 3
♣ 5 3
♠ A K J 9
♥ 5 4
♦ Q 10 6
♣ 10 4
♠ J 8

W E
S

♠ 6
♥ 9 3
♦ Q 6
♣ A K Q 10 9 7 6 2
Mr. Bayly

The bidding:
West North East South
1♠ Pass 2♥ 3♣
3♥ 4♣ 4♦ 5♣
Pass Pass Dbl. Pass
Pass Pass

HIGH CARD VALUES
OF THE
FOUR-ACE SYSTEM
ACE... 3
KING... 2
QUEEN... 1
JACK... 1
TOTAL VALUE OF THE
FOUR-ACE SYSTEM
AVERAGE HAND 67

West opened the spade King and shifted to the ten of diamonds, East winning with the King and Mr. Bayly dropping the Queen as a false card. If he had merely played the six-spot, East would surely have cashed the second diamond. As it was, the false card worked. East played his other spade. Mr. Bayly trumped and proceeded to run down his club suit, retaining the Queen of spades and the Ace-King-deuce of hearts as the last four cards in dummy.

West's last four cards were the Ace of spades and three hearts. The

last club lead forced West to let go of a heart, whereupon the spade was thrown from dummy and East was now compelled either to let go of the high diamond or unguard his Jack of hearts. He chose the latter alternative, whereupon dummy's deuce of hearts made the thirteenth trick for the Declarer.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner. Both sides were vulnerable and you held:

♠ —
♥ J x x
♦ A Q 9 x x x
♣ Q x x

The bidding:
Schenken Jacoby Maler You
3♠ Dbl. Pass (?)

Answer: Bid five diamonds. The double of an opening three-bid is for takeout. Under these conditions your hand is fully strong enough to jump to game.

Score 100 per cent. for five diamonds, 50 per cent. for four diamonds (may be passed and a game missed), 0 for pass.

QUESTION NO. 391
Merwin Maler is your partner and you hold:

♠ 8 x x x
♥ 10 9
♦ A Q J
♣ A K Q 10

The bidding:
Maler Burnstone You Schenken
1♥ Pass 2♣ Pass
2♥ Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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CAPACITY CROWD AT CLUB DE RECREIO

By "ADREM"

The Junior Championship was deservingly won by W. Gillies, of St. Andrew's, by 15-12, 15-4 and the Colony Championship by P. H. Wong, of Chinese "Y," over his contemporary and doubles partner, C. Au, the scores being 8-15, 15-8, 15-12.

So fast was Gillies about court that it was soon obvious that clearing shots alternated with drops would never beat him. It was noticeable also that on the occasions that Smith did open up his smash, he usually took the point.

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Au, on the other hand, found his touch, and the weight of the bird, early and was able to bring all his repertoire of strokes into operation without delay. As in his previous matches, his most effective stroke was his disguised drop to his opponent's forehand. He had the answer to Wong's best strokes and dictated terms throughout the first game.

FINE COMEBACK

The annual soccer match between the European and Chinese staffs of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, Ltd. was played on the Hong Kong Football Club ground yesterday afternoon and resulted in the Chinese winning by six goals to three.

TENNIS

TSUI WAI-PUI DEVELOPS SERVICE TROUBLE

(BY "ADREM")

one of the finest first-services in the Colony, Tsui Wai-pul showed difficulty in his last singles game against

A high-contrast, black and white portrait of a man with glasses and a mustache, wearing a light-colored shirt. The image is framed by a thick black border.

P. H. WONG

THIS WEEK'S FOOTBALL

TO-MORROW

SATURDAY

The Philippine Chinese Girls' Basketball team, on a tour of the Colony, won their second match yesterday when they defeated a team of Chinese girls selected by the H. K. Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation, by 33-29.

On their form yesterday, I cannot see either of the other semi-final pairs even extending the Tsuis.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Only one tennis match is down for decision at Hong Kong Cricket Club. In it the Rumjahn cousins are expected to enter the final of the doubles event at the expense of E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung.

BASEBALL

MINDANAO LOOK PROMISING

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Contrary to previous information the Mindanaoemen did not have any new finds on the field last Sunday. They are the same bunch of ball players Mindanao has had for some time, but I must admit they are a much better organised lot, especially when one considers that this is their first game this season. If they keep up their high spirits and do some serious practising before the season officially starts, it will be hard to stop them on their way to the pennant.

PROMISING PITCHING

The game was evenly contested for three innings, but after Mindanao burned the base paths with six runs on two hits in the third frame it was all Mindanao to the finish. Five more runs in the seventh enabled the Miny boys to put the game in the refrigerator. Ashville scored one run in the third, three in the fifth and one more in the sixth. The Ashmen outhit Mindanao 8-6 but seven Ashville bobbles against Mindanao's caused the downfall of the former.

Sondag and Hurst touched Crooner Ruel for one hopper each for the longest hits of the tilt.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB STARTING TIMES

1.30	p.m.	H. J. Grose and A. L. Eastman.
1.35	"	W. C. Hung and E. F. Fincher.
1.40	"	T. B. Low and T. Lamb.
1.45	"	R. K. Collings and L. Jack.
1.50	"	F. C. Barry and W. Groves.
1.55	"	J. Coles and C. G. Anderson.
1.60	"	S. Jex and W. V. Ahern.
2.05	"	A. Buttfield and T. Henderson.
2.10	"	W. C. Simpson and E. J. Humble.
2.15	"	A. A. Lopes and E. J. M. Ghurn.
2.20	"	W. Kershaw and A. J. Dennis.

YACHTING

	Finished	Pos.
True Blue (Miss H. Crawhall-Wilson).	5.15.43	1
Gull (Mrs. G. D. Adams).	5.16.48	2
La Linda (Mrs. M. I. Johnstone).	5.17.10	3
Joan (Mrs. M. A. Neve).	5.21.58	4

SOFTBALL NOTES

Sunday's Double-Header Winds Up Local Softball Season

Canuckettes Win Championship For First Time

ELVIE YUEN HITS A GOOD HOMER

(By "GRANDSTAND")

AFTER A DOUBLE-HEADER on Sunday on the Club de Recreio ground, the asbestós was lowered to close a drawn out softball season. It's all over now until next autumn, except for the presentation of prizes on Friday April 26th at a get together dance to be held at the Peninsula Hotel.

Tickets are going fast and a big crowd of softball bruisers and their friends are assured of some clean fun and frolic at this annual function. In the curtain-raiser the Canuckettes

cinched the championship and the Southard shield for the first time by swamping, 30-3, a scrub Ramblerette team from Club de Recreio.

The Portuguese girls were only able

to field seven players and were licked before they started, when they faced a strong "Maple Leaf" aggregation.

SEVEN-RUN INNING

Coming to bat first the Canadian femmes started off with a bang in the initial frame with no less than a seven-run splurge which had the hapless Recreio gals baffled. An eight count rally in the fourth, and a merry-go-round of nine runs in the last canto, completed the field work for the Canuckettes.

Recreio scored two tallies in the third on a wild three by Mary Louie, a hit and a wild pitch. In the finish The Ramblerettes tried hard to rally but their efforts were only good for one lonely tally, when Irene Pereira

RECREIO JUNIORS DO QUITE WELL

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Contrary to expectations Recreio Aces did not have such an easy time in subduing their Juniors, 7-4, in the second game of the double header.

Johnny Alvares was not so impressive on the mound for the Aces, walking four with nary a strike out. The rambling Aces were only able to find Jackie Noronha for eight blows including a triple by Lino Gosano. Jackie fanned two and gave no passes to first.

The Junior Recs collected four hits off Johnny Alvares the longest of which was a Ruthian Clout by Jackie Noronha in the fifth frame.

The Recreio Champs had some anxious moments holding the Bees down and it was not until the sixth inning that the game looked safe for the Aces when the score stood 7-4.

Recreio seniors were first to score, with one tally in the first inning. The Bees replied with one count in the same frame to even the count 1-1. The Aces pushed across two more runs in the third, while the Bees were blanked for three innings.

In the fourth Recreio "A" counted with two more runs and the Juniors replied with two in the fifth to make the score 5-3 in favour of the Aces. Two more runs in the last canto put the game on ice for the rambling Champs.

This makes 14 victories for Recreio Aces in as many starts and they well deserve for another year the much coveted Li Gwok-ying shield.

Wappingshaw bowls competitions will be held by Civil Service Cricket Club every Tuesday evening, commencing to-day. The draw will take place at 5.20 p.m.

crossed the plate on a hit and a sacrifice fly by Margaret Oliveira.

Lolly Rodrigues started on the mound for Recreio but was yanked in the third in favour of Mary Lachlan, but Mary could not do any better against the heavy "Canuck" sluggers and was nicked for 20 solid blows. Mary and Lolly were steady enough on the mound, walking only one apiece, but the big Berthas of the Canadian side showed them no mercy with the hickory.

Mary Louie was on the firing line for C.C.C. for five innings. During her tenure she fanned four and passed three. Relieve finger Alice Ma took over the assignment in the sixth when the game was in the bag and whiffed one and walked one.

When runs were no longer needed for victory, Mabel Louie rapped a circuit clout, when bases were loaded in the last stanza, for one of the longest hits of the fray.

Elvie Yuen, one of Hong Kong's own nightingales, created some surprise for the fans and perhaps herself when she belted a homer to right field in the seventh, but unfortunately no one was on board at the time. Besides a homer Elvie batted a 500.

Other heavy hitters were Ellen Khoo and Alice Ma, who both doubled, and a triple by Mabel Louie.

Canuckettes 7 3 0 8 3 0 9—30 27 1
Ramblerettes 0 0 2 0 1 0 0—3 5 9

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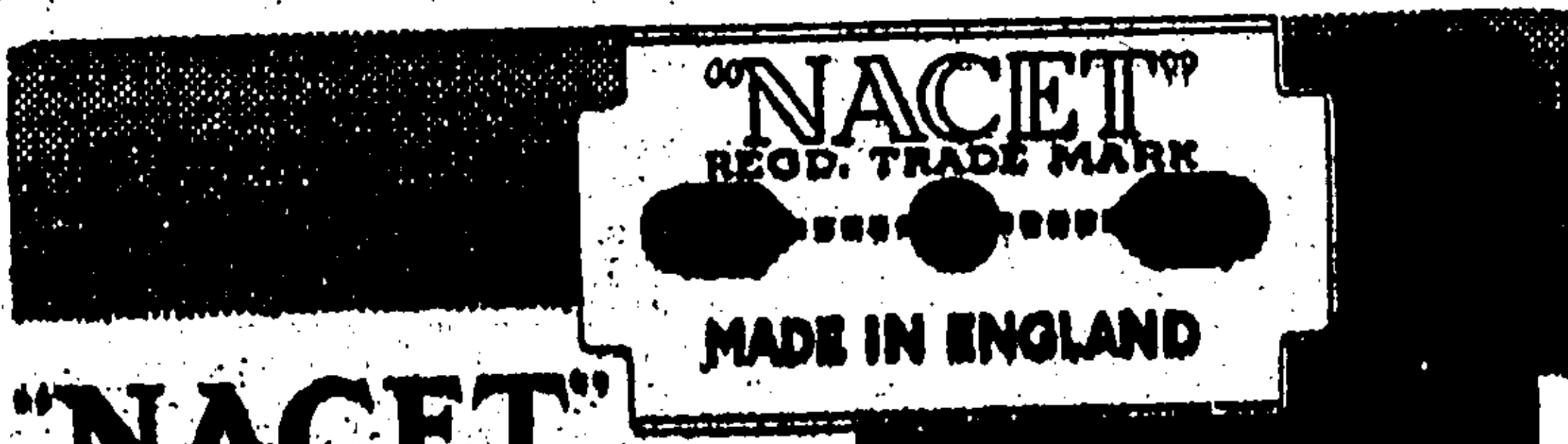
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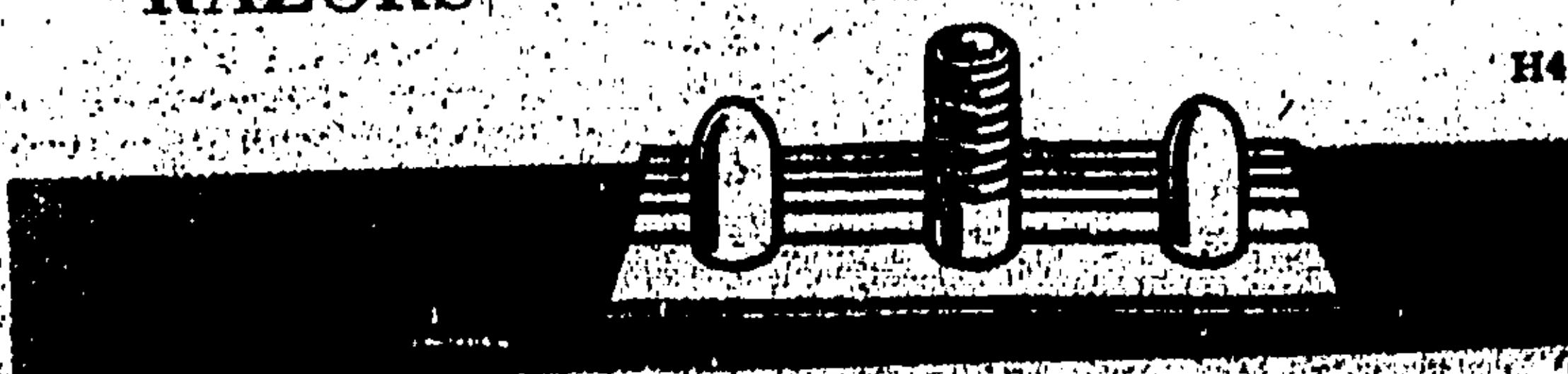
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U.S. MAY CLAIM DAMAGES

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY. SECRETARY OF STATE CORDELL HULL SAID YESTERDAY THAT HE WAS SEEKING ALL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF CAPTAIN LOSEY, THE U. S. MILITARY ATTACHE KILLED IN A GERMAN AIR RAID IN NORWAY.

He added that he would not take any diplomatic action until all the information had been received.

The question which was being asked by members of the State Department was whether the Germans—who still contend there is no state of war existing between Germany and Norway—had the right to bomb any place in Norway, even if it were a military objective just as the railway centre where Captain Losey died.

At the moment, the indications were that the United States would at least present Germany with a bill for damages.—Reuter.

JAP. MILITARY ATTACHE LEAVES HUNGARY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Budapest, To-day.

The Japanese Military Attache to Hungary, Major Takasaka, left last night for Japan. He will be replaced by Colonel Watabe Yoshinaka. —Havas.

MR. GREW TO TAKE A HOLIDAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Washington, To-day.

Mr. Joseph Grew, U. S. Ambassador to Japan, is leaving Japan shortly

SOURCE OF SUPPLIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") NEW YORK, TO-DAY.

EXPECTED CHANGES IN SOURCES OF AMERICAN RUBBER SUPPLIES AS A RESULT OF THE WAR HAVE SO FAR FAILED TO MATERIALIZE. ACCORDING TO THE WEEKLY SURVEY OF THE COMMODITY EXCHANGE, INC.

In commercial quarters it had been thought that buyers of crude rubber in this country would have to rely more on the Dutch East Indies than on British Malaya because of wartime conditions. Figures for the first six months of the war, however, fail to substantiate this. Actually, according to this review, British Malaya has since the beginning of the war supplied 67.3 per cent of American rubber, as against an average of 63.9 per cent for the period from January 1937 to August 1939.

According to this survey, the only notable shifts in world rubber shipments since the outbreak of the war are (1) a decided drop in British Malayan share in rubber shipments to Japan and Europe and (2) a sharp increase in re-exports from the United States to Europe.—Havas.

20 GERMAN TRANSPORTS SIGHTED AT SEA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Stockholm, To-day.

According to a message from Gothenburg, 20 German transports, accompanied by four destroyers, were sighted off the coast on Sunday night, apparently bound for Norway. —Reuter.

to spend a holiday in the United States.—Havas.

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London, To-day.

Reuter's special correspondent at Gaeddede reports:—

"I learn that the British troops who drove off the Germans are lining the road from Steinkjer, keypoint in the Norwegian defences.

"German troops had been landed by destroyers in the north part of Trondheim Fjord.

"It is reported that during a German air raid on a Norwegian harbour on Sunday a British ship brought down three of nine bombers by anti-aircraft fire."—Reuter.

London, To-day.

The present conduct of the war is the object of satisfaction in the British Press.

The work of the Royal Air Force and the Royal Navy is highly praised and the considerable success of British troops, officially announced, is particularly noted.

Attention is also paid to Sweden's firm attitude regarding flights of German aircraft over that country and the precautionary measures taken there.

The "Daily Telegraph" writes:—"The unsleeping vigilance of the Navy and the incessant activity of the Royal Air Force are impressive evidence of how promptly and vigorously our promise of military help to Norway has been honoured.

"The operations conducted by the Allied troops are necessarily veiled in secrecy and in a campaign so difficult it would be foolish to expect immediate decisive results.

"It is enough that Norway can feel she has great Allies and has the satisfaction to know that her stand against her aggressor has been another incentive to her neighbour, Sweden, to take effective and resolute steps to maintain her neutrality."

The "Daily Mail" says that our airmen are doing well. Their operations are designed to cover the landing of British troops in Norway. So far, they have succeeded. In comparison with the German air force, the Royal Air Force has suffered lightly.

British airmen have again shown their superiority in combat with the Germans, especially in night operations.

The "News Chronicle" says that the Royal Air Force is doing some first-class work. With regard to Sweden, the paper suggests that the German aircraft which flew over Sweden might have been photographing Swedish defences "so that they can bomb them more easily" if ever Hitler decides to invade Sweden.

Referring to the Swedish protest to Berlin, the "News Chronicle" comments: "The Swedes are wise to adopt this strong and independent attitude. The Swedes have a strong army, powerful defences and a resolute spirit."—Reuter.

Belgrade, To-day.

An appeal to all patriotic Yugoslavians to report immediately everything they see or learn that is liable to endanger the interests of the national defence is issued by the Officer Commanding the Belgrade Command.

The appeal states: "Foreign secret services recently tried to provoke uncertainty in the Army, shake confidence in the Government, and collect details of the country's military strength.

"It is the duty of Yugoslavs to keep a watch on foreigners, many of whom are agents working against the interests of the state." —Reuter.

Tokyo, To-day.

In connection with the economic blockade of Germany, Britain has proposed the conclusion of a trade agreement with Japan, according to the Japanese newspaper "Nichi Nichi."

The paper points out that the Sterling bloc countries constitute Japan's most important export markets.

The London correspondent of the "Nichi Nichi" says:—

"Well-informed circles emphasize the striking change recently noted in the British Government's attitude towards Japan."—Reuter.

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